

Winter Carnival Thrills Crowds

Queen Given Double Coronation.

Ice Throne Is Most Beautiful.

CONTEST PRIZES AWARDED

The 14th annual winter sports carnival is now a matter of history. Never before has Grayling had so much to offer and never before have they had such appreciative crowds to enjoy it.

The festivities began Friday night when "Birdie" Tebbetts All-Stars took a beating from "The Briggs", a championship girls basketball team from Detroit. The score was Grayling 23, the girls 24.

The young ladies showed splendid form and put up a snappy game that was interesting to witness. They liked Grayling and remained here until Sunday afternoon, the guests of George Fairfield at his cottage on the Au-Sable.

Queen's Ball

The big feature for Saturday was the Queen's ball at the school gym, where the coronation ceremonies were performed. The committee in charge of the Queen's ball and coronation were Mrs. Stanley Stealy, chairman, Mrs. Frank Bond, Mrs. Roy Milnes, Miss Margrethe Bauman, Mrs. Emil Giegling, and Miss Eleanor Tumath.

Music for the ball was furnished by the Melody Makers of Lake City. At 11:00 p. m. the dancers cleared the floor and to the strains of "Winter Wonderland" the first of the coronation procession started. Young Steve Maxwell, son of Capt. and Mrs. Maxwell, stepped into the room and heralded the bugle call. Two tiny lasses, Norma Lee Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crawford, and Betty Jean Mathewson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mathewson, proceeded down the long march to the throne. They were followed by Larry MacNamara, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. MacNamara, bearing the fur covered crown. He was followed by the members of the queen's court—Misses Pauline Merrill, Roberta Austin, Norberta Weiss, Gloria LaMotte, and Margaret Buck. Then came Queen Frances (Entsminger), daughter of Mrs. Charles Gierke, adorned in a blue velvet robe of regal splendor, with a wide train that swept the floor. She was met at the throne by her court and was assisted to her seat.

President Emil Giegling of Winter Sports, Inc., had introduced T. P. Peterson president of the East Michigan Tourist association, who performed the coronation ceremonies. This was brief but very impressive. This was one of the most graceful, beautiful and dignified coronation ceremonies of any of these occasions, dating back for 15 years.

With the ceremonies over, dancing was renewed. It was a very pretty affair. The queen was especially beautiful and graceful.

On the following day—Sunday—coronation ceremonies were again performed at the magnificent ice throne at the winter park. This time by "Birdie" Tebbetts, star catcher for the Detroit Tigers American league team.

Ice Throne Is Masterpiece

At the first view of the ice throne one is struck with amazement at its grandeur. A half igloo, in shell shape, 15 feet in height in the center, is formed of clear ice. The purple throne is supported on each side by chairs for the queen's court of honor, also colored in purple. Before it spreads a deep plaza reached by three steps 75 feet in length. Two large military figures ten feet high, wearing bright blue uniforms, stand guard, each holding a spear. Three-foot high baulstrades of ice flank the entrance to the shell, before which are pink figures representing gargoyle. Blue and red spotlights, recessed in the ice, are focused on the figures and shell, and blue lights concealed behind the throne and chairs, shine thru the clear ice.

Grayling winter park has never presented a more beautiful ice throne and those who have seen it will always remember its beauty and grandeur. It is especially beautiful at night, revealing its lighted effect. This piece of artistry is the work of

John Deckrow, who has been the architect for Grayling's winter parks ever since winter sports have been held here—15 years. While the plan is his, much of the plain work was done by WPA laborers. The finishing touches and ice carving was done by Deckrow. It is interesting to watch him work and see a solid piece of ice being formed into a handsome ice throne. This work he does mostly with a small, sharp hatchet. His genius deserves the highest praise. This beautiful piece of art is worthy of anyone's trip to Grayling just to see it.

CCC Builds Huge Snowman

At the entrance to the park stands a huge snowman. This is about 25 feet in height and makes an imposing appearance, as it apparently stands guard over the park. This was built by members of Hartwick Pines Veterans CCC camp. These men did this on their own time for their own satisfaction and pleasure and is a fine contribution to the winter park. Visitors are astounded at its magnitude.

Ideal Winter Sports Weather

Weather conditions and facilities at the winter park were ideal. Saturday was quite cold but Sunday the temperature was slightly below the freezing point. The toboggan slides were the fastest in their history and it was a matter of concern to the park officials in keeping down the terrific speeds. Sand had to be strewn in the tracks for safety sake. In spite of that many of the toboggans had to be abandoned before they reached the fringe of pine trees north of the highway. One accident occurred when the toboggan ridden by Gunnard Winstrom of Flint struck a tree and he suffered a fractured leg.

Saddle Ski Championships

More than 50 boys from all sections of the state twisted and turned their way over the difficult Grayling Winter Sports park course vying for the crown of Michigan saddle ski champion. A difficult course at any time, it was especially sporty Sunday with a hard crust increasing the speeds. Many an aspiring champion met his downfall trying to make "Suicide Leap", the final hazard.

Four entries from the western side of the state carried away all the honors. Champion of the junior division was Alec Little of Elberta, with Bob Berigot of the same town taking second place. In the senior men's event, Don Richley of Elberta won the championship with Gerald Vigland of Frankfort a close second.

The state titles and championship model saddle skis were presented to the winners by George "Birdie" Tebbetts, Detroit Tigers catcher, who acted as official judge and clerk of the course.

Win Prizes For Snowmen

Judging of the snowmen, built by school children during the contest which started the latter part of January, took place Sunday morning. The snowmen were built in front of business places. Much time was put in by these young boys and girls and some fine figures were produced.

First prize of \$15.00 went to Elmer Tahvonen and James Kola for their figure of Mae West in color. Second prize of \$10.00 was given by Jane Milnes and Nelle Welsh for a life-like figure of Buddha. Third prize of \$5.00 went to Junior Trudeau for a "hitching-post" jockey figure. Fourth prize of \$3.00 went to Alfred Hanson and Clayton Gorman for their figure of "Wimpy", a comic-strip character. Fifth prize of \$2.00 was won by Roger Giegling, Ray Andrus and Allen Stevenson for a figure of a snowking. \$2.00 prizes went to Jack Perry and Robert Clark. \$1.00 prizes to Burton Peterson and Louis Kraus, Lyle Johnson and Robert Nelson, Frank Jensen, Bob Tiffin and Seeley Wakeley. Tickets for 20 rides on the toboggan slide were awarded each of the following: Teddy Cody, Roy Milnes, Melvin Nelson and Jack Church.

A rain Thursday night did considerable damage to the figures, and necessitated nearly complete



GRAYLING'S 1939 WINTER PARK ICE PALACE

Photo by courtesy of Bay City Daily Times.



CCC SNOWMAN STANDS SENTINEL AT PARK ENTRANCE

re-building by the contestants, but the freezing weather following the rain made the work somewhat easier.

The judges were as follows: Albert Pochelon, Detroit, chairman; Mrs. Stanley Stealy, Mrs. Roy Milnes, Miss Margrethe Bauman, Royal A. Wright and O. P. Schumann. The idea for the feature was promoted by L. Kramer, Saginaw photographer, who supervised it from its inception to the finish. Naturally some of the contestants were disappointed in not receiving some of the capitol prizes, however the judges were impartial and made their selections from their own personal opinions. The balloting for each place was done in secret.

Good sportmanship was displayed by all the boys and girls who took part in the snowman building contest. This contest was a combined activity of the Grayling Boy Scouts and other boys and girls. Thanks is expressed to all those who so diligently labored, and as well to others, and to Grayling businessmen who contributed the financial support for the cash prizes which were distributed on Sunday, Feb. 12.

Following is a list of the \$2.00 contributors and disbursements: E. J. Olson \$2.00, E. W. Dawson \$2.00, A. J. Joseph \$2.00, Shoppenagons Inn \$2.00, Hanson Cate \$2.00, Burkes Garage \$2.00, A. & P. Store \$2.00, Plaza Grill \$2.00, Conning Grocery \$2.00, Blackies Tavern \$2.00, Holger E. Peterson \$2.00, Hanson Garage \$2.00, Avalanche Office \$2.00, Ed Gierke \$2.00, Emil Niederer \$1.00, Sorenson & Son \$2.00, Johnson Furniture Store \$2.00, Michigan Public Service Co. \$2.00, Grayling Dairy \$2.00, Mac & Gidley \$2.00, John Bruun \$2.00, Minnie Hartley \$2.00, Parsons & Wakeley \$2.00, Grayling Bakery \$2.00, Corwin Auto Sales \$2.00, Gamble Store \$2.00, Ben Franklin Store \$2.00, Burrows Market \$2.00, Hanson Hardware \$2.00.

According to L. Kramer, \$57 was collected from the Grayling merchants, of which \$42 was paid in awards to the winners of the contest, plus \$5.00 for printing and material, the balance \$10.00 goes into the general fund of Grayling Boy Scouts.

John Schram Victim Of Paralysis

WAS A PIONEER CITIZEN OF GRAYLING

John A. Schram, well known and highly respected citizen of Grayling for 54 years, passed away at his home at 4:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon, following a two week's illness. Mr. Schram's health began to fail about three years ago when he suffered a paralytic stroke, and at that time he gave up his labors at his blacksmith shop. Two weeks ago, on learning of the passing of his old friend Harry Hum, Mr. Schram was very much grieved and suffered two strokes in quick succession that rendered him helpless. They had been friends of long standing, had hunted and fished together, and theirs was a close friendship.

Mr. Schram was born in a small lumbering town near Evart, Michigan, August 19, 1862 and he came to Grayling in the early 80's. He was heard to tell that the railroad only ran as far north as Frederic and this section was but a wilderness, and so he had watched Grayling grow from the early days up to its present. Mr. Schram was united to Eliza Ann McClain in 1892 in Cheboygan, the latter passing away in February, 1934. In the early days Mr. Schram drove logs on the river and at one time operated an engine for Blodgett & Burns, who were lumbering in a section near Lake Margrethe.

Several years ago when the Douglas mill was in operation at Lovells he made his residence there for about three years, doing blacksmithing. Returning to Grayling he opened up a blacksmith shop on the property where the Sinclair Service station, now operated by E. N. Darveau, now stands. When his original building was razed to make room for the gas station, a blacksmith shop was built in one end where he continued his business until ill health kept him away from the shop. Blacksmithing was one of the big businesses of the day when horses were the means of conveyance, and Mr. Schram enjoyed a thriving business.

Funeral services for the deceased were held at the family home on US-27 Tuesday morning, Rev. Fr. James Moloney officiating. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery, with the following acting as pallbearers, Jappe Smith, Jesse Schoonover, Ronnow Hanson, Algot Johnson, Archie Kennedy, and Frank Bridges.

Surviving the deceased is an only son, Leo Schram, and two grandchildren, also two nephews, Floyd and Lionel McClain, who have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Strenuous Week For Basketeers

Grayling's high school basketeers will take the floor twice this week. Friday night they will line up against Kalkaska, and Saturday night will bring Gaylord down to play the game that was postponed earlier in the season. Local fans will be interested in both of these games.

The Kalkaska game should bring a Grayling victory, though Kalkaska is much improved from earlier in the season when Grayling beat them soundly. They no doubt will hope to avenge this defeat and are sure to be prepared to shoot the works. Because of the mass meeting in the study hall Friday, basketball will not start until 8:15.

Gaylord, also defeated by Grayling earlier, will be gunning for a victory over Grayling. This encounter is a regular classic of the season and is sure to be of interest.

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Special Election Notes

A public utility that is not progressive is a hindrance to the community in which it operates.

The people of Grayling have been tolerant long enough with its poor electric service.

George Shaw, editor of the Pigeon Progress says that its a hick town where the electric lights go out every time it thunders. How about it when, in addition, they go out every time the wind blows?

There are a lot of complaints about Grayling's poor electric service. If they want this condition remedied they should get out and talk in favor of a new municipal plant, the question for which will come before the voters next Monday. Unless they do this they shouldn't squawk should the question be defeated.

Don't let sentiment interfere with good judgment. Our duty must be done. For the good of the future of Grayling vote "Yes" on all three questions on the special election ballot next Monday.

The Michigan Public Service Co., a subsidiary of the former notorious Insul Company, doesn't care anything about Grayling, in our opinion, except for the business they get from us.

If Grayling gets a municipal electric plant you may be sure it will get at least 80% of the Grayling patronage. If it doesn't it will be an exception to the general record.

The Grayling school building was paid for by the tax payers of this school district. It has been paid for a long time in spite of the fact that the school had no earning power, further than to educate our children. It brot in no revenues. A municipal electric plant has considerable earning power and will not only pay for itself but will give its patrons lower rates and good service.

By good service we mean that the voltage will be steady and constant; that there will be no interruptions and no fluctuations in your lights. The juice will be hot enough so that your electric cooking utensils won't have to take all day to get hot. Your lights will be bright and steady. Your radio won't refuse to function because of low voltage. Your electric motors and light bulbs won't burn out because of irregular voltage. Your electric clock will run without stopping, etc.

Mayor George Burke, and supervisors Frank Sales, Carl Jensen, Al Roberts and Roy Milnes and city manager Geo. Granger are tax payers. They have heard every phase of the proposed municipal electric plant question and each and everyone is 100% in favor of it. Don't you trust these men? We are sure the tax payers and the general public do. These men are working for the good of Grayling—their homes and the place where they make their livings. What will be good for them will be good for everyone owning property in Grayling and for all who make this their home. Don't let anyone fool you with misleading statements, and insinuations.

Yes, the Michigan Public Service Co. will continue business in Grayling after our municipal plant begins operations. You may continue your service with them if you want to, or connect with the local plant lines at not one extra cent to you.

If you are a stockholder in the Michigan Public Service Co. it will continue to be just as good

as ever except for the big profit it makes in Grayling. But why be selfish and not want Grayling residents to share in this prosperity. Do you think more of your monetary profits than you do of your home city? Of course the M. P. S. Co. claims their profits are not as large as we believe they are, so in that case you wouldn't be out much.

The Michigan Public Service Co. is trying to lock their doors after the horse is stolen. They should have listened to complaints instead of ignoring them. They now don't deserve consideration.

The officers of the local electric company are all fine fellows; we hold the friendliest feeling toward them. They are responsible for the higher ups in their Company and must fight for its interest, even tho it may be possible these higher ups never heard of them or even heard of Grayling.

We told the city councilmen that we would be in favor of the municipal electric plant just as long as we believed they were conducting an honest campaign. And it is obvious that our faith has been maintained.

That is more than can be said for the M. P. S. Co. Their circulars bear many misleading statements, intended to fool the voters. But we don't believe they are going to do it this time.

Let's vote for the good of Grayling. This is our home; let's pull for it.

DOUBTS M. P. S. CO'S INTEGRITY

***The Michigan Public Service Co. is of course operating under the state public utilities and are supposed only to make a certain amount of profit. However, to the layman one wonders sometimes. A few years ago we began a move to get lights and power around Otsego Lake. The first price given by the Company was outlandish, more than twice what it finally cost. Recently a reduction in rates was published by the Company because Gaylord had advanced into another class. We were jubilant, but we haven't found any people who have saved much by this, and we understand that the saving is to those who use less than 50 kilowatts a month, and there are few of them anywhere. In other words the saving to users didn't materialize and there has been quite a feeling of resentment over a semi-camouflage. People are willing to pay for what they get. They resent any apparent attitude to distort or misrepresent. Clear-cut issues are appreciated by everyone.—Gaylord Herald-Times.

Young Husband Passed Away

William E. Weiss, Jr., age 39 years, young husband and father, passed away at Mercy Hospital Monday afternoon following a lingering illness. The young man had been ailing since May of last year and for the past several weeks had been in a very serious condition. Sunday night he was removed from his home to Mercy Hospital, and passed away at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.

The young man was co-partner with his brother James Weiss, in the firm known as Weiss Bros., distributors for DX oil and gas for the Charlevoix Terminal Co., and they operate the two gas stations in the vicinity of the golf course, one a DX station and the other Gulf gas. Since he was unable to take active part in the business his father William E. Weiss Sr., has been helping out.

William Weiss was born March 27, 1900 in Saginaw, and was the oldest of twelve children in the Weiss family. When he was 17 years old the family moved from Saginaw to Riverview, located on the Manistee river, where they resided until 12 years ago when they came to Grayling.

The young man was united in marriage to Luella Gibbons, on Christmas Day in 1932 and to the union two children were born, William E. III, age 5, and Clyde Wayne, 3 years old. Other than the widow and children, the young man is survived by his parents, three brothers and five sisters. George Weiss of the U. S. Marines at the present time stationed in Porto Rico; Mrs. Clara Stone, and Mrs. Otto Eden, of Baltimore, Maryland; Harry of Gaylord; James, Norberta, Ann and Evelyn at home.

William was very ambitious and enterprising, and although his illness kept him at home, he was loathe to give up but kept going until he was forced to do so. He had hosts of friends among customers and business associates, who are sorry to learn of his untimely demise.

The remains were at the Alfreo Sorenson funeral home until this morning, when services were held at St. Mary's church, Rev. Fr. James Moloney officiating. Pallbearers were: Earl Nelson, Ed. Gierke, William Heric, Richard Lovely, Floyd Loskos, and Reginald Sheehy.

John Flint--- Snow Train Trip In Retrospect

(From Flint Journal, Feb. 6)

Back in the foggy recesses of his mind, John Flint recalls something about a Snow Train Through Arkansaw; the idea persisted Sunday all the way to Grayling and back—the Snow Train Through Michigan. He thought there were probably just as many (and probably more) good jokes originated on this excursion as on the original snow—excuse please—slow train.

Doing a bit of conversational research, he discovered that this train ride was the first one in 10 years for about half of the passengers, and many of them were having the first railroad ride of their lives. Also, he discovered that a goodly number of them (he has lost this page of statistics) were wearing "woolies" for the first time in their lives. Great was the scratching thereof.

Officially, there were 596 persons on the train which pulled out of the station at daybreak Sunday morning, which probably sets a record for early rising in the city. A few of them cat-napped along the way north, more did the same thing on the return trip. So far as John Flint can remember, it was the most exercise and fresh air 600 Flint people ever had at once. And if anybody thinks it isn't exercise climbing that 2,200-foot toboggan slide hill, then there's another guess coming. It takes, during the rush hours on the slides, which lasted from 12:30 to 4:30, about a half hour from the time you start at the bottom, mount the incline, inch along through the crowded lines and get back down again. The down trip, once the toboggan takes off, takes about 15 seconds. John Flint believes nearly everybody on the train tried it at least once, and many kept it up all day. Add to this about the same number of people from the Detroit excursion and you find that there must have been more than a thousand sliders

to keep the seven or eight-man crew busy returning the toboggans to the top and loading them. One of them informed John Flint that it was the best day the park had had this year, financially speaking.

It was one of those days people hope for. The sun was clouded over most of the time, eliminating the snow-glare, and most of those who were busily milling around carried their mittens in their pockets, and some of the skiers were in shirt sleeves. The only ones in the skating rink warming room were the hungry ones; no need for anybody to get cold if he did any exercising at all.

One of the interesting features of the 12-car train was the coach occupied by the Central High school crowd. The youngsters were in high spirits yet. John Flint, while he sat talking with their chaperons, Nap and Shirley LaVoie, for nearly an hour, saw no signs of rowdiness or disorder. Much singing and talk and eating and soft-drinking kept them happy.

There really wasn't much of an effort made, apparently, to interest school students in the trip. "Poly" said probably 10 from Central wanted to go, so he agreed to be chaperon. After the special coach for pupils was announced, he said many from Zimmerman received their parents' consent to make the trip, so he had a good sized "class" to look after. And he did his job well, skating with the girls in the trio numbers to music at the rink.

They go for winter sports in a big way at Grayling, John Flint discovered. The main highway running past the park is even blocked off and traffic detoured so that the toboggan-riders can be assured a long run. The sleds go across the road part of the time.

Mayor George Burke was on hand to greet the Flint winter tourists and spent the afternoon driving back and forth to the park with visitors.

An ice man was in front of



Flint Gals usurp the Queen's throne.

Shoppenagons Inn and a sign said "Please don't destroy this—it was built by a Boy Scout."

Flint residents who ate in Grayling found that the city was not a "robber's roost." Prices were normal and there was no attempt to "get rich quick" at the expense of tourists. But that's natural, because the city has been a pioneer in tourist trade promotion. Its canoe carnival and fishing festivals are famous and thousands visit there every summer because of the nearby national guard camp.

The boys in the Junior Chamber of Commerce lunch car were kept busy. Their work began Saturday—stocking the car with foodstuffs—and wasn't finished until today when they had to make a final checkup and return empty "coke" bottles and make a thorough cash tally to determine how much they netted for their iron lung fund.

"Swing An' Sway" would have been an appropriate musical theme for the train. Heavily-bundled passengers got their exercise promenading the length of the special and did plenty of swaying.

There's one thing that was overlooked by Chamber of Commerce officials. Nobody apparently thought of getting the concession for selling picture film to the horde of camera enthusiasts. But, on second thought, it might have been pretty much of a headache because so many different sizes are needed. John Flint'd like to have say a nickel apiece for every picture his neighbors shot. In fact, all several passengers went along for was to watch and snap.

The trip was a success to John Flint because he didn't hear a single complaint. Everybody seemed enthusiastic and most of the excursionists expressed the hope that the snow train would be at least an annual event. And there's a good chance that more than one will be operated next winter.

FREDERIC SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RESIGNS

Mr. William Beach, who has been principal and manual arts teacher at Frederic for the past three and one-half years, resigned a week ago Monday and has accepted a position at the high school at White Cloud, Michigan. Last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Beach were given a farewell party in their honor by high school students, past graduates and teachers. All enjoyed games, and at the end of the evening a delicious lunch was served, at which time a beautiful end table was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Beach from high school students and teachers in appreciation for the interest they have shown toward the school. A lovely casserole was given to them by the Senior class sponsored by Mr. Beach. The evening ended very quietly as many a tear stood in the eyes of students as Mr. Beach made his farewell speech. It seems Mr. Beach had become very popular among the students. On Friday night the Friendly Sister Club, Shooting Club, and friends from in and out of town gave them a party at the Town Hall. Games were played and then the Friendly Sister Club presented Mrs. Beach with a lovely cast aluminum roaster, for the interest she has shown in the Club. The Shooting Club gave Mr. Beach a beautiful woolen blanket. A grand pot-luck lunch was served at the end of a very enjoyable evening.

Everyone expressed his regret at the departing of this young couple as they had become very well liked and appreciated by students and friends and will be greatly missed.

Voice of the People

The City Owned Electric Light And Power Plant

We admire persons who seek accurate information before they pass judgment on a question. This may be found in the report of the consulting engineers on file in the city office. Having closely followed this issue, I will try to set up a few observations.

From a piece of literature distributed by the Michigan Public Service Company listing the revenue collected from electric energy in the City of Grayling exclusive of sales tax for the nine years, 1930-1938, inclusive, the total is \$282,784.52. In this literature they have taken the figure of the city consulting engineers that a plant could operate with the proposed investment for \$27,000 a year (for the year 1930-1938 it would have been considerably less). For a nine-year period the operating cost would be \$243,000. Thus, if the City had built a plant in 1930 and operated for the nine years mentioned with the revenue the Michigan Public Service Co. has enjoyed, the net difference would be \$39,784.52. This would represent a profit to the City.

When any one tries to tell you that the use of electricity will not increase, they are building a picture to fit their own situation. If you will check back on your bill of ten years ago and then count the appliances in your own house that you did not have then, check over the number of houses that have been wired in the last few years, the houses yet to be wired, and the enlargement of over-loaded wiring in some of the houses, you will realize the increasing use of electricity.

How much more you could use if rates were reduced. Reduction in rates increases uses and thus builds the revenue so that an equivalent bill in dollars represents more service to us.

Dependability unquestionably will be attained in this system with the most modern of electrical equipment that would maintain electrical energy at your service switch ready to serve you.

Remember that a five per cent voltage drop will create a sixteen per cent light loss so when you sit down to read it is possible to detect a sudden voltage change.

Most refrigerators contain a new type of motor known as a capacitor motor. This is a very economical type of motor, but is very sensitive to voltage variations. True, all motors now installed are required to have thermal protection, but this is not expected to operate frequently and is not sensitive to lesser variation that create a definite stress on these motors.

Engineers Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May have staked their reputation on the statement that the City of Grayling can operate a light and power system at a profit. I have heard nothing but praise for this firm of engineers and if you will note the Michigan Public Service has not made any statement as to their ability.

Many statements have been made to create a fear of frequent interruptions to a city owned system. In this plant will be every protection known to science to provide safety to the equipment and operators.

When you compare systems you must consider a number of items—rates, service, free service (such as lamp replacements or appliance repairs), the tax rate of the city, discounts or penalties for prompt payment of bills, promptness of attention to complaints, satisfaction of customers, and the taxes paid by the system.

After considering this, you will vote "Yes" on all three questions. Letters without identification are not worth reading, so here is my name:

Robert A. Funck.

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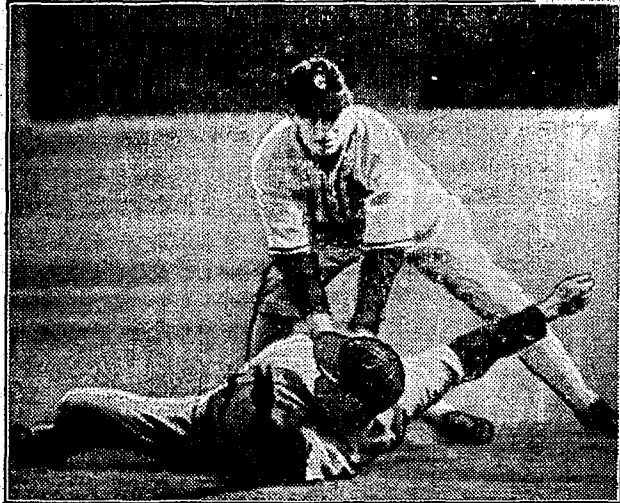
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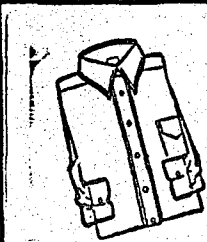
ALFRED HANSON - Grayling

Film Shows Both Old and New



NUMEROUS comparisons between the old and the new are made to illustrate the more important points in the development of the game as depicted in the new official American League sound motion picture, "First Century of Baseball". Here, Bill Werber, third sacker of the Philadelphia Athletics and star performer on the base paths, demonstrates the modern hook slide. The film, produced by the Fisher Body division of General Motors, marks the 100th anniversary of the national pastime. Marvin Owen, Chicago White Sox third baseman, is the infielder.

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE



TO EARN ENOUGH TO BUY A SHIRT WITH ATTACHED COLLAR, A SWEDISH WORKER MUST WORK THREE TIMES AS LONG AS AN AMERICAN; A FRENCHMAN 5 1/2 TIMES AS LONG; A GERMAN 9 1/2 TIMES AS LONG; AND AN ITALIAN 17 TIMES AS LONG!



CLAMS THAT MEASURE 5 AND 6 FEET ACROSS AND WEIGH HALF A TON ARE FOUND IN THE WATERS OFF THE AUSTRALIAN COAST AND THE EAST INDIES



TANGERINES ARE NAMED FOR THE CITY OF TANGIER, IN MOROCCO—BUT IN TANGIER THEY ARE CALLED A "MANDARINE"



CORDUROY IS TRULY A ROYAL FABRIC. IT WAS FIRST USED TO MAKE MOUNTING GARMENTS FOR FRENCH KINGS. THEY NAMED IT "CORDE-DU-ROI" WHICH MEANS "CORD OF THE KING"



CHINA, BRITISH INDIA AND RUSSIA, WHICH TOGETHER HAVE HALF THE EARTH'S POPULATION, HAVE ONLY AS MANY TELEPHONES AS NEW YORK CITY, WHICH HAS APPROXIMATELY 1,569,000

Frederic Notes

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown and boys, Lawson and Gerald, of Flint, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber, and enjoyed the winter sports Sunday.

Mrs. George Winkauf is confined to her home with quinsy.

"Grandma" Horton is very ill at this writing.

Mrs. Anna Wells went to Mercy Hospital, Grayling, for ten days treatment. She has been in bed at her home since July 17, 1938.

Mrs. Francis McClean and son Donald of Walled Lake, and brother Jas. Horton spent the week end with parents Mr. and Mrs. George Horton and sister, Mrs. Benjamin Horner. They also took in the winter sports Sunday.

Little Carol D. Lodge who has been under the doctor's care for the past ten days, is improved.

County School Commissioner Payne was in Grayling on business Monday.

Wonder who the absent-minded fisherman was who went fishing and forgot to take a spear along.

The husbands of the Sunshine Sisters Club gave an entertainment and supper at the Town Hall Tuesday night.

Our High School put on an entertainment Wednesday night.

Betty Lou and Arla Barber are back in school after having been absent on account of measles.

Mrs. John Cassidy and daughter, Joan, of Saginaw, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Volmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ace D. Leng and son Teddy returned from Big Bay where they were visiting Mr. Leng's sister, Mrs. Albert Lewis. Ace says he learned his lesson about a big—fish.

Th boys and girls are certainly making good on the ice at Barber Hill.

It's good to see the smiling face of Albert Lewis in town again. How's everything in Big Bay, Albert?

C. S. Barber, Cor.

TO MAKE MAPS OF LAKE BOTTOMS

CCC enrollees of Camp Kalkaska, under the direction of Devine Anderson, Jr. Forester, will sound 28 lakes in three counties before next spring. Lakes in Kalkaska, Crawford, and Antrim counties will be sounded and maps made of their bottoms for Fish Division of the Michigan Department of Conservation.

Maple Forest

Mrs. Wm. Bigham spent last Thursday at the home of Mrs. A. Lozon.

Icy roads prevented the school bus from covering its route last Friday.

Jim Bigham spent the week end at his home here.

Mrs. Elwood Jewell who has been quite ill, is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woodburn visited their daughter Helen and husband in Farwell, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dennis spent Sunday at Charles Markers'.

February is half gone so here's hoping winter won't last forever.

John Peterson is planning to build a new home this spring. Good luck John!

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Daily

4:11 a. m.

1:51 p. m.

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Daily

1:04 p. m.

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Last Word in Conservation



The desire to make a car reflect its owner's individuality is a potent factor in the average motorist's choice of accessory equipment. And it would be hard to find a more thoroughly "personalized" car than this new Chevrolet in which Mary Pickford is shown applying a touch of make-up. As if the handy illuminated vanity mirror were not enough, the car has a special kit of Miss Pickford's own famous beauty aids, now on the market under her name. The container, holding lipstick, rouge, powder and cream, folds neatly up into the glove compartment when not in use. Inset shows close-up of vanity case.

NOTICE SPECIAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Grayling:

By order of the City Council in resolution adopted January 17, 1939 and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, a special election will be held in the City of Grayling, Michigan, on February 20th, 1939, from 7 o'clock in the forenoon, until 6 o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the following propositions:

PROPOSITION ONE—

Proposal To Acquire A Diesel Electric Generating Plant And A Distribution System To Supply Electric Light And Power To The City of Grayling And To Its Inhabitants, And To Issue General Obligation Bonds In Part Payment Therefor.

Shall the City of Grayling acquire, by purchase or construction, or both, a Diesel Electric Generating Plant and a distribution system for supplying the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power, the estimated cost thereof to be \$154,000.00, and in part payment thereof to issue General Obligation Bonds of the City of Grayling, in the amount of \$34,000.00.

☐ Yes

☐ No

PROPOSITION TWO—

Proposal To Acquire A Diesel Electric Generating Plant And A Distribution System To Supply Electric Light And Power To The City of Grayling And Issue Revenue Mortgage Bonds In Part Payment Therefor.

Shall the City of Grayling acquire, by purchase or construction, or both, a Diesel Electric Generating Plant and a distribution system for supplying the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power, the estimated cost thereof to be \$154,000.00 and in part payment thereof to issue Revenue Mortgage Bonds in the amount of \$120,000.00. Said bonds not to be a general obligation of said City of Grayling, but to be payable only from the gross revenues of the said Electric Light and Power System, after provision only for the reasonable operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and to be secured by a closed first mortgage on the property of the entire Electric Light and Power System of said City, including a franchise to the purchaser on foreclosure for the operation of said system for the period of Twenty Years after such purchase.

☐ Yes

☐ No

PROPOSITION THREE—

Proposal To Grant A Franchise To Be Included In The Mortgage Given As Security For Revenue Mortgage Bonds.

Shall there be included in the mortgage to be given as security for Revenue Mortgage Bonds to be issued as part payment of the cost of acquiring a Diesel Electric Generating Plant and a distribution system for supplying the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power, a franchise to be granted by the City of Grayling to the purchaser on foreclosure of said mortgage to operate said Electric Generating Plant and Distribution System for a period of Twenty (20) years from the date of such foreclosure, said franchise to be as follows:

This Agreement made and entered into between the City of Grayling, Michigan, a Municipal Corporation, by its Mayor and Clerk on its behalf, and duly authorized by the City Council and the affirmative vote of the electors of said City, as party of the first part, to and for the benefit of the purchaser or purchasers of the works for supplying the City of Grayling, and in case said works should be sold upon the foreclosure of a mortgage, then the purchaser taking title to said property shall be entitled to all the benefits of this franchise, which shall be as follows, witnesseth:

ARTICLE 1.

Permission is hereby granted unto the purchaser of the works for supplying the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power, and the successors and assigns of such purchaser, to construct, equip, erect, maintain and operate conductors for conducting electricity in, under and upon the streets, alleys and public places of the City of Grayling and to operate it as a separate, distinct utility, and to maintain and keep such connection, subject to all reasonable restrictions thereon as shall be prescribed by the Council of said City, either by resolution or by ordinance.

ARTICLE 2.

Permission is hereby given to said purchaser (if any purchaser there ever be) or to its successors and assigns, to sell, furnish and supply electric current to any citizen, inhabitant, person, partnership, association or corporation within the City of Grayling.

ARTICLE 3.

This franchise shall apply to all property rights and interests of the City of Grayling in its works for supplying electric light and power to the City and its inhabitants and all extensions, betterments and new equipment which have been made or added thereto by said City prior to the taking effect of this franchise, together with the extensions and betterments

which may thereafter be made from time to time by the grantee during the life of this franchise.

ARTICLE 4.

The rates, tariffs and charges which the said purchaser or its successors or assigns shall be permitted to charge for electrical current with the City of Grayling shall be such rates, tariffs and charges as may be agreed upon by and between the purchaser and the said City of Grayling and in case such rates, tariffs and charges cannot be agreed upon by said purchaser and said City of Grayling, then the rates and charges may be fixed by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, or its successors, from time to time, upon the application of either party and due hearing thereon.

ARTICLE 5.

In consideration of the foregoing permission the purchaser (if there ever should be such) and its successors or assigns, agree that he or it will furnish all necessary required electrical current at the rates above specified.

ARTICLE 6.

It is agreed between the parties hereto that all questions of service shall be referred to the Michigan Public Utilities Commission or its successors and its decision shall be binding upon the parties.

ARTICLE 7.

The privilege and authority granted hereby to the purchaser of said property (if ever there should be such) carry with them the condition that said purchaser agrees that at all times during the life of this agreement and for the purpose solely of the City he or it will furnish to the City or its duly authorized agents, such information regarding the income, expense, physical value and other items as the City may desire as recorded on the books of such person or company or its assigns.

ARTICLE 8.

The grantee in the construction, maintenance, extension and repair of said public utility shall not unnecessarily interrupt or obstruct the use of any street, lane, alley or other public thoroughfare and in crossing the same with wires shall erect such wires at such reasonable altitude as the Council may prescribe and when it shall in any way open any of the thoroughfares for the construction or maintenance of any underground construction it shall replace such thoroughfare in as good condition as before said opening and said grantee shall hold the City harmless from any liability, costs, damages or expense which shall arise or be caused by the occupancy or the use of the streets, lanes, alleys, avenues or other public thoroughfares by said grantee.

ARTICLE 9.

If said grantee shall for any reason whatsoever refuse, neglect and fail to furnish to the City or its inhabitants the product or service designed to be furnished by said plant, or fail or refuse to comply with any of the terms of this franchise, unavoidable accidents, strikes and the acts of God excepted, for a period of Thirty (30) days unless the Council of the City of Grayling shall extend said period of time, then said Grantee shall forfeit all right to operate said plant in and under this franchise, and this franchise shall immediately terminate and become void.

ARTICLE 10.

This agreement (in case the same becomes operative by a sale as above set forth) and the privilege granted herein shall extend for a period of Twenty (20) years from date of the taking effect of the deed issued on the sale of the premises and property above set forth.

ARTICLE 11.

This agreement shall accompany the mortgage to be given upon the utility and shall become effective only in case the City of Grayling shall default in the payment of said mortgage, and there should be a foreclosure of said mortgage and the title to the property mortgaged, in said mortgage, should pass absolutely by reason of such foreclosure, but then and in that case this franchise shall be the franchise under which the purchaser of said utility shall operate and shall before being put into effect be accepted by the purchaser and the owner of such works to supply the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this day of A. D. 1939.

By Mayor

By Clerk

For the purchasers under said Mortgage.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 17, 1916

Subsequent with the completion of the DuPont plant, Miller Rose, who has acted as superintendent of the work of construction, has about closed up his duties here and will leave this week for the Bay City plant of his company. He has made many friends during his stay here who will miss his going.

"A Knight for a Prince" was presented to Grayling people at the High school auditorium Friday and Saturday night of last week. The play was under the direction of C. B. Butler, of Bad Axe and was nicely staged considering that illness and bad luck entered into the rehearsals. Those taking part in the play were Miss Helen Reagan, Einar Rasmussen, Fred Alexander, C. B. Butler, Frank Shanahan, Lewis Burton, the Misses Shier, Barry, Hulda Sivrais, and Bessie Brown.

Grayling will send down to the Wild Game Show at Saginaw brook trout from the Grayling Fish Hatchery, and Supt. Murphy is shipping a fine lot of wild animals and birds from the Hanson State Game preserve. Game from all parts of Michigan for the interest of the people. Many speakers on the subjects of natural history are on the program for the evening.

Misses Nola and Odie Sheehy entertained the Grayling Thursday club at their home Thursday evening.

Miss Elizabeth Karpus, who spent a few weeks here visiting her parents and friends, returned Thursday to Flint. She was accompanied by Miss Estella Fogel-songer, who expects to remain in that city.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Claggett, of Johannesburg, on February 2. Mrs. Claggett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen.

Frank Fitzek of Frederic, and Miss Cecil Rodebaugh of Vanderbilt were united in marriage here today.

Harry Connine came home from Ann Arbor for a couple of days visit with his parents, during examinations at the U. of M.

Miss Mable Nelson of the DuPont office resumed her duties Tuesday after being absent several days on account of illness.

Carl Peterson returned Tuesday from a ten days' visit with his brother and sister Hulda Peterson, in Youngstown, Ohio. He also visited in Cleveland, and Detroit while enroute home.

About sixteen ladies and gentlemen enjoyed a fine dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hanson, Saturday evening. After the dinner the guests remained for the evening and were entertained by playing "500."

Bernard Callahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Callahan of Frederic was a patient at Mercy Hospital for a few days.

This week the teachers purchased the furniture for the rest room for the school out of the proceeds cleared from their sale at the public opening of the building, and donations made them.

Lovells

(23 Years Ago)

Mr. and Mrs. Griswold of Bay City are enjoying a visit at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caid.

Lillian Hanna and Tom Wakeley stole a march on their friends and were quietly married at the M. E. parsonage in Grayling, Jan. 22. The young couple will be at home on the farm owned by Mr. Wakeley in Sigsbee.

About forty friends and neighbors very pleasantly surprised Fred Rase Saturday in honor of his birthday. The evening was spent in dancing and card playing.

Frederic School Notes

(23 Years Ago)

Liland Smock has been elected secretary and treasurer of the Athletic Association.

Melvin Marshall of the primary room has returned to school after several days' absence on account of illness.

The Intermediate room entertained the primary room at a Victrola entertainment Friday.

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Long Lives of Animals

Whales, with an average life span of 500 years, have probably the longest life of the animal kingdom. The average life of the alligator and turtle, which come next, is 200 years. Pike and carp average 150 years. The hundred year class include the swan, crow, eagle, the elephant, and the salmon.

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FOR WINTER



Magna Munson of Norway made this beautiful ski suit. It is of water-proofed homespun in a heavenly shade of blue for the trousers and sleeveless jacket, and in white for the skirt. Orange and blue in woolen braid and embroidery add color.

When Plants Had Many Names

Before horticultural nomenclature was standardized a few years ago, many plants had a large and confusing number of common names. One remarkable example, says a writer in Collier's Weekly, was that of the European white water lily, which had 15 English, 44 French, 81 Dutch and 105 German names, a total of 245 vernacular appellations for this one plant alone.

SCHOOL NEWS

The Second Grade started a new reader this week that has a section on fire engines and fire protection. By arrangement with City Manager George Granger the class was given an opportunity to see the fire engine and the obliging Mr. LaMotte got it out and gave a demonstration of how it operates. This was a fine experience for Miss Patten's class, and one which they thoroughly appreciated.

A fine Lincoln Day program was held at the school last Friday in honor of the 30th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday. Numbers by the band and glee club were combined with talks by Alberta Knibbs, Kathryn Carr, and Nellie Pynnonen on the life and principles of the great president. The guest speaker was George 'Birdie' Tebbetts, whose very interesting remarks were wholly in accord with the Lincoln ideals. Mr. Bond was master of ceremonies.

No play cast in years has had the trouble in putting on a performance that the Juniors of this year have had. "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works" has been "in production" since October. This week Aunt Susie got her chance.

The basketball game of last Friday was cancelled by mutual consent because of bad roads. It was to have been played with Charlevoix, there.

Miss Hewens returned to her duties in the Fourth Grade this week, and Miss LaFave is due back Monday. Unless the unexpected comes to pass a complete faculty will be on the job again.

The Eighth Grade Home Ec. girls are starting a project to supply a hot beverage to pupils who bring their lunches and are not interested in a complete hot lunch.

A goodly delegation of high school students were in attendance at the Queens Ball on Saturday night. They were having themselves a real time.

Grayling has officially entered the Gaylord tournament for high school teams. Entries in Class C are Grayling, Gaylord, Mancelona, and Onaway.

Miss Johnston is starting an operetta for pupils in grades 4, 5, and 6. It will be given sometime next month.

Mr. Cornell is managing a ping-pong tournament for boys and girls in the upper six grades. Play started this Tuesday and in all about one hundred entrants have been signed up for competition. It promises to be a lot of fun. Two very fine ping pong tables have been built in the Manual Arts department by students.

303 Days of Sun

At Vevey, Switzerland, they have 303 days of sunshine every year. Figs grow in the open and the oldest inhabitant has never seen a fog there.

Sally Saves KITCHEN CLUB

And Now, The Men!

Dear Club Members:

IT'S interesting, how many men think they can cook these days. Some of my men friends are vainer about their scalloped eggs and

chase souffles than about their golf scores.

But that's only another indication that the male half of the human race is really beginning to appreciate us poor women. All these generations we've been concocting appetite-teasing dishes, and about all we got for it was a grunt of satisfaction, occasionally an exclamation of "That's great; gimme some more!"

Now that men are really beginning to do some cooking, maybe they'll find out it's an art, after all. There will be more careful tasting of fine dishes; more appreciation for a good sauce, a well-turned roast, a vegetable salad with just the right combination of taste-pleasure and eye-pleasure.

Do you know there is actually an organization of men who like to cook? There is, though. It's the American Association of Gourmets, and it had a meeting recently out in Del Monte, California. One of the items on the program was to select a prize-winning recipe.

The winner was Samuel G. Blythe, the writer. And Mr. Blythe fixes sweetbreads. I thought the Club members would like to try them the prize-winning way, so here's Mr. Blythe's recipe:

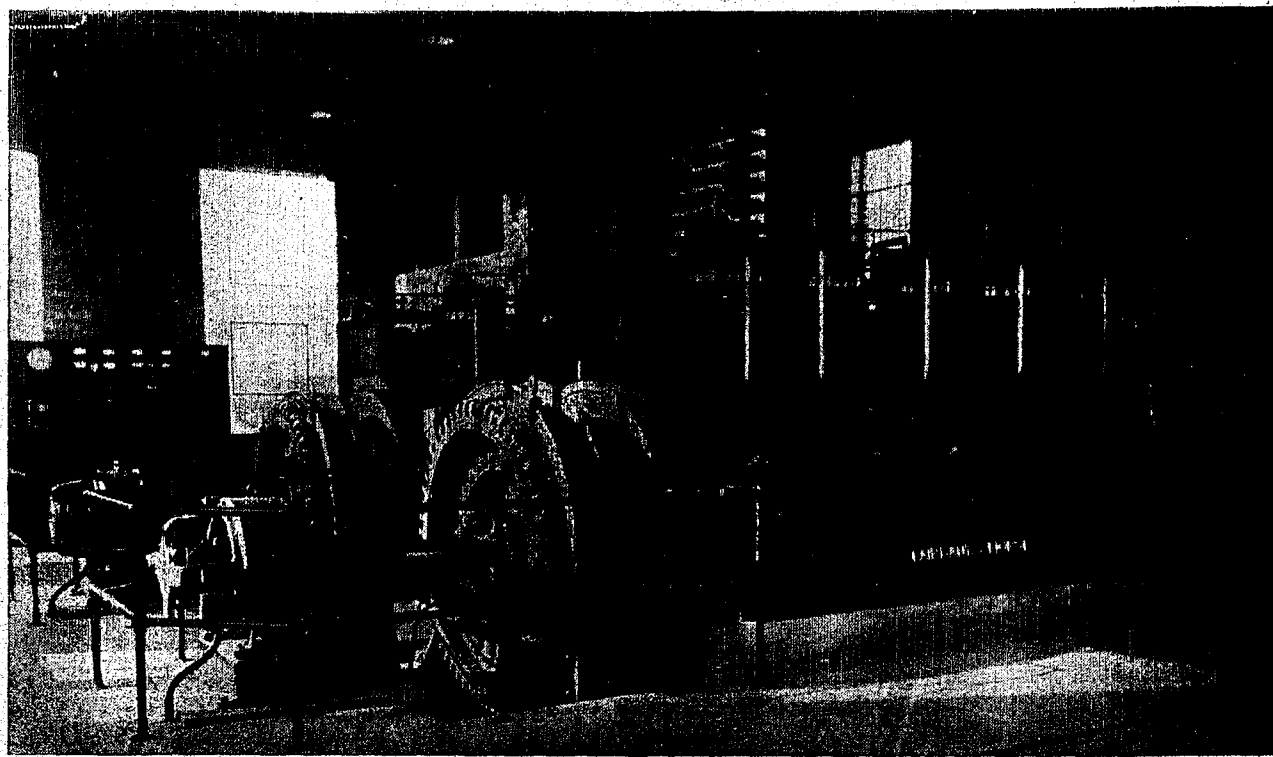
Sautéed Sweetbreads

Soak sweetbreads in salted water for half an hour, then place them in a saucepan and just cover with water to which has been added a tablespoon of vinegar. Let them simmer for twenty minutes. Dip immediately in cold water. Season with salt and pepper. Dip in egg white and roll in finely ground black walnuts. Sauté slowly in covered pan. Serve at once when well sautéed.

I tried it last night and believe me, it is good!

Sally Save

View of two of the Diesel Engines and Electric Generators at the Zeeland Municipal Power Plant



The Michigan Mirror

Non-partisan News Letter
Michigan Press Association
By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing—A paradoxical situation whereby Michigan, the nation's leading state, has permitted commercial interests to exploit landscape beauty along scenic highways this week prompted Murray D. VanWagoner, state highway commissioner, to propose remedial legislation.

In a public statement released this Thursday, Van Wagoner reviewed the progress in roadside beautification and declared:

"Experience has shown that roadside projects have invited commercial development which has destroyed the beauty of these projects. The state highway department needs a new weapon in its roadside beautification program. That weapon must be a statute banning grotesque signs, shacks, etc., along our roadsides."

"I favor some type of so-called legislation, broad enough to include hot dog stands, shacks, etc., being introduced in the current session of the legislature."

Not Punitive Bill

"Such legislation," the commissioner pointed out, "should have a two-fold objective. It must protect the beauty of our roadsides. It must be designed to make our highways safer."

"It should not be a punitive measure designed to kill a legitimate business. It should not primarily be a revenue measure. Rather, should it aim at regulation."

"Along scenic or tourist routes, commercial boards and signs should be restricted to special zones adjacent to cities and towns. The state highway department would be authorized to designate such routes and zones."

Safety of Motorist

Commissioner Van Wagoner feels that commercial boards on other highways should be permitted on a selective basis with the state department, together with the state police, designating the areas where signs could not be erected. Highway safety for the public would be the principal control factor.

Billboards would be regulated under a license plan with the license fee only nominal, such licenses to be issued jointly by the highway commissioner and the state police commissioner, both of whom would have the right to approve the design of such signs.

The proposed legislation also would require "adequate and regular maintenance of the signs by the owner." License fees would be used to defray cost of inspection and to further the roadside beautification development.

Bill Two Years Ago

During the 1937 legislative session at Lansing a bill was introduced in both the house and senate under sponsorship of the

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Garden Clubs of Michigan. Although public opinion was strong for its enactment, as evidenced by resolutions passed by women's clubs, civic groups and other organizations, the measure was amended to death and was finally buried in committee.

At that time there was a legislative tendency to seek revenue from billboards, rather than to control them.

Commissioner Van Wagoner's latest move in behalf of highway scenery protection is but another step in a department program designed to promote Michigan as a tourist state. Highways have been relocated to bring them closer to the Great Lakes shorelines. Natural stands of timber along scenic roadsides have been conserved through the purchase of right-of-way as wide as 400 feet.

Scores of roadside parks have been created. More than 2,500 picnic tables have been set out along roadsides throughout the state.

Convention Reform

Reform of the political convention system in Michigan is demanded by a militant newspaper editor, in Wayne county, Representative Elton R. Eaton of Plymouth.

As one of the Republican delegates to the Grand Rapids convention who never received his credentials and who had no voice in the voting, Editor Eaton is determined that so-called boss control of conventions shall be done away with.

In two bills, aimed broadly at the so-called Edward N. Barnard-Frank McKay alliance, Eaton proposes to accomplish the following:

1. Abolish county conventions in Wayne county and substitute for them congressional district conventions.
2. Amend the constitution to permit the governor-elect to appoint the secretary of state, attorney general and treasurer in much the manner that the president selects his cabinet.
Plan No. 1 has the enthusiastic support of young Republicans. Its passage is forecast in both houses of the legislature.

Governor is Busy

While legislative committees were studying new utility commission, revision of civil service and some 300 bills, Governor Fitzgerald revealed more of his administrative program for 1939. Developments include:

Less midway ballyhoo at the Detroit State Fair and more emphasis on agriculture and industry. Dr. Linwood W. Snow of Northville succeeds Frank Isbey as manager.

Fewer relief workers to administer welfare. Saving in salaries and traveling expenses will approximate \$900,000 a year.

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Grayling Loses Conference Lead

Grayling tangled with Boyne City last week, with the conference leadership at stake, and after four quarters of furious battling the league lead went back to Boyne City. The score was 23-30, after a game that was in doubt most all the way. It attracted a good crowd, in which visitors from nearby towns were numerous.

Boyer got off to a lead which they held to stubbornly, in spite of Grayling challenges that forced the play to speed up tremendously. A third quarter drive by Coach Cornell's boys threatened to cop the ball game and keep the conference lead in Grayling, but Boyne struck back with determination and stayed out in front. Both teams counted nine field goals, but Boyne dropped in twelve out of fifteen free throws, and made this into the margin of their victory.

Grayling's Reserves put up a good battle and though they went down by a score of 15 to 23 they played improved basketball.

Grayling High—23
Player, Pos. FG FT TP
Deckrow, f 1 0 2
Tibbetts, f 0 1 1
Smock, f 4 1 9
Moshier, c 1 1 3
Kraus, c 0 1 1
Lovely, g 0 1 1
Petersen, g 3 0 6
McClain, g 0 0 0
Hull, g 0 0 0
Total 9 5 23

Boyer City—30
Player, Pos. FG FT TP
Hosegood, f 3 2 8
Sheaffer, f 2 2 6
Harper, f 0 0 0
Dietz, E. c 2 4 8
Larkman, g 2 2 6
Dietz, W. g 0 0 0
Stackus, g 2 2 30
Total 9 12 30

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Meaning of Name Carlotta
Carlotta is an Italian form of Charlotte, the feminine of Charles, meaning "virile," says Florence A. Cowles in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The most famous bearer of this name was the Empress Carlotta (1840-1927) wife of the ill-starred Maximilian, executed ruler of Mexico. She was Princess Carlotta of Belgium before her marriage. Her mind broke after her husband's death and she spent the last 60 years of her life in confinement in a Belgian castle which the Germans left unmolested during the World war believing herself still empress of Mexico.

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Want Ads

WANTED—School girl attending Frederic school to work for board and some allowance. School bus passes farm home. Inquire to Robert S. Seese, 14603 Wyoming Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

FOR SALE—4½ acres land, more or less, just east of Grayling fish hatchery. There is a five room bungalow with Delco lighting system, water heater and shower. Also a two room cabin and two-car garage. Owner anxious to sell and offers low price and easy terms. For particulars see O. P. Schumann, at the Avalanche office or call phone 111.

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HOUSE FOR SALE—Six rooms and garage; next to Julius Nielsen's. For particulars inquire of Ernest Bissonette or call phone 31.

Lincoln's Darling Lives Again In Ann Rutledge's Grandniece

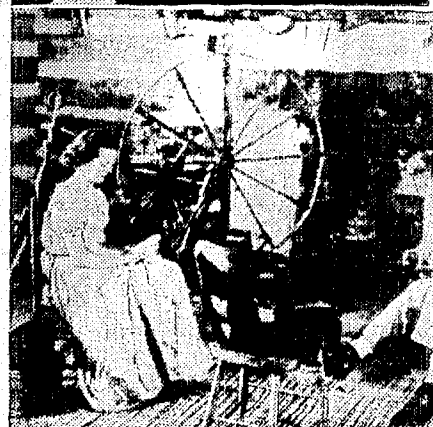
The great love in Abraham Lincoln's life, his romance with Ann Rutledge, ended in her tragic death of typhoid fever in 1835. But the episode is recalled on Lincoln's birthday anniversary this year because a successful stage play, "Prologue to Glory," has not only recreated the incident but has cast a descendant of the original Ann Rutledge in the lead role. Today's Ann Rutledge, a great grandniece, came from her home in Ottumwa, Iowa, to represent the pioneer girl who won the emancipator's heart, and whose death left an indelible scar on Lincoln's life. The world can only conjecture about his place in history had Ann Rutledge lived. Her descendants are shown below:



(1) Mary Ann Rutledge, mother of Lincoln's sweetheart; (2) John Rutledge, her son; (3) Edward Rutledge, her grandson; (4) Donald M. Rutledge, great grandson, and (5) the present-day Ann Rutledge, great great granddaughter. Five generation photos shown here were given to the Decatur, Ill., Lincoln collection by Edward Rutledge.



If the original Ann Rutledge was half as attractive as her great grandniece, Lincoln's love affair is easy to understand. Although a comparative newcomer to the stage, she applies makeup (above) like a veteran. Left: She examines early records of the Lincoln and Rutledge families with her father.



The play itself, authentically recreating one of American history's most romantic and tragic stories. Playing Abe Lincoln's role is Ed Mitchell of Petersburg, Ill.

LOCALS

THURSDAY, FEB. 16, 1939

Mrs. Dennis Lovely is a patient at Mercy Hospital.

There will be a Special Sale at the Maureen Shoppe, starting Monday, February 20.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clare Rood Friday, February 10th, at their home.

Miss Florence Butler resumed her duties at the City office after a week's absence due to illness.

Get your new Spring Shoes early to avoid disappointment. See the new Spring styles at Olson's.

Frank Decker resumed his duties Saturday as night watchman at the State Highway garage after a few days illness.

Word received here from Mrs. Olga Boeson says she has left Detroit after having visited there for some time and is now visiting a niece at Chubbuck, Ind.

Mrs. Herluf Sorenson and daughter Elna Mae attended the funeral of Arthur Johnson, a nephew of Mrs. Sorenson, in Cadillac, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Malloy are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Shirley Ann, born to them at Mercy Hospital Friday, February 10th.

Mrs. Jack Wade entertained the ladies residing at Lake Margrethe at her home Wednesday afternoon. Bridge was enjoyed, with Mrs. Ted Shaw holding high score. Lunch was served.

Miss Margrethe Hemmingsen was admitted to Mercy Hospital Sunday evening when she was suddenly taken ill, following a seizure of scarlet fever. Her condition is reported as being critical.

Rev. H. W. Kuhlman, Esmond Stiles and Daniel Jarmin enjoyed smelt fishing, one day last week, at Boyne City. They stated that there were about 300 charrs on the lake at Boyne City. Together they brought home about 160 smelt.

New Spring Shoes are now on display at Olson's.

Mrs. Wm. LaGrow entertained the members of the Danish Junior Ladies Aid society at her home Thursday evening. Rev. Stockholm read an interesting article after which the hostess served a delicious lunch and business matters were discussed.

Junior Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Palmer, had the misfortune to break his left leg Sunday when the sled on which he was sliding down hill at the Winter Sports park struck loose snow and rolled over. Two others on the sled were uninjured.

Dr. C. R. Keyport, who is a member of the State of Michigan Board of Registration in medicine left Sunday for Chicago to attend the annual congress on medical education and licensure. Dr. Keyport is a member of the Federation of State Medical boards. Mrs. Keyport and Miss Jayne accompanied him.

Sim J. Lewis, who was superintendent of Frederic Rural Agricultural school for three years, and has served Otsego county as Commissioner of Schools for many years, was renominated February 8th by the Republican County convention of Otsego county for another four year term. The Democratic convention endorsed Mr. Lewis at their convention on February 4th. He is Superintendent of Vandervill Rural Agricultural School this year.

See the smart new Spring Styles in Paris Fashion Shoes for women, at Olson's.

State Trooper Alden Potter of the Houghton Lake Post was brought to Mercy Hospital Tuesday night, ill with pneumonia.

A small roof fire at the home of George Hilton Wednesday afternoon called out the City Fire department. The damage was slight.

New Spring colors in Admiralty Hose for women are here, in three different lengths. Ask for short, medium, or long, at Olson's.

Mass meetings are being held tonight and Friday night for discussion of the Municipal Electric Plant question.

Road Commissioners James Knibbs, Harry Souders, Jess Bohnmeyer, Archie Howse and Clerk Axel Peterson attended a meeting in Ann Arbor, Wednesday.

Mrs. Walter Hanson nicely entertained the Danish Sisterhood at her home Tuesday afternoon. Games were enjoyed, Mrs. Carl Kriepke holding the high score. The hostess served a very delicious lunch.

Theon couldn't take it. Tony, at the A. & P. market told Theon Decker that he would give him a half dollar if he could swallow one of their select oysters whole. Half way down was the best he could do, so he didn't get the half.

The temperature has been hovering around zero most of this week, with it being down to 2 above this morning at 6 o'clock. Tuesday the trees and woods looked beautiful with a white frost on them, and the sun shining.

The Loyal Order of Moose are giving a dance Saturday evening February 18, at the Temple Theatre. Come and enjoy an evening of old time and modern dancing. Good music furnished by the Poki-Dots. 35c per couple and 10c for extra lady.

The Grayling Chapter of the Eastern Star entertained at a lovely Valentine party Tuesday evening at the Masonic Hall. Ten tables of various games, pinocle, Chinese Checkers, and rum were in play during the evening, with a gift award given to the one holding high score at each table. Later in the evening a delicious lunch was served.

Tuesday evening, February 21, the Grayling Bears will battle the Gaylord C. Y. O. at the Grayling school gymnasium. The Gaylord team is reported to be one of the best in the north and has won from nearly all the cities around. The Grayling Bears have been doing some lively practicing to give their opponents a good fight and win from them. This promises to be an interesting game. The preliminary will be between the Frederic and Grayling Recreation Program teams, and starts at 8 o'clock sharp. Price 25c.

Wednesday night the Legion-Masons pinocle tournament went into its sixth week, with 6 tables in play. Wilfred Laurant and Victor Petersen held high score for the Legionnaires and Willard Harwood and Carl Sorenson for the Masons. However, the Legionnaires are still far in the lead, and the rivalry is getting keener all the time. The Legionnaires won four out of six tables in play. We will be looking for a larger turnout next Tuesday, February 21, at the Masonic Temple. Refreshments are served during the evening.

A large number of young people attended the February meeting of the Young People's League held at the home of Miss Elna Mae Sorenson Tuesday evening. Several songs were sung, after which all took part in a short program of questions and answers, led by Rev. Stockholm. To test the skill of the hands and eyes, several contests had been arranged, for which gift awards were given. Names were drawn and each one received a Valentine from the red and white mailbox. A tasty lunch, in keeping with Valentine Day, was served by the committee from a table attractive with its lace cloth and centered with a bouquet of spring flowers, surrounded by red hearts.

Nurses, we have all sizes from AA to B widths in the famous Red Cross Oxfords, at Olson's.

Rev. H. W. Kuhlman was the guest speaker at the Fathers and Sons banquet at Roscommon Tuesday evening.

For their regular social meeting Tuesday evening the American Legion Auxiliary entertained several friends at a Valentine party. Games were the order of the evening with Mrs. Neil Mathews and Mrs. Samuel Rasmussen, holding high and low scores respectively. Mrs. Charles Melichar captured the honors in another contest that was held. Following the games a delicious lunch was served on tables centered with small pine trees laden with red hearts and other table decorations were also in keeping with St. Valentine Day. There were 30 ladies who enjoyed the evening as guests of the Auxiliary.

New Spring Shoes in Japotea and black patent toeless and heel-less, are now on display at Olson's.

GET LOW LICENSES NOW

Will those who requested low numbered license plates, please call for same before the run of the last few days of February.

Wm. Ferguson, Branch Manager.

Personals

F. J. Mills spent Sunday visiting in Petoskey.

Ed Carlson is in Big Rapids this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heriter, of Pinconning were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. SanCarlier.

Porter McCall of Detroit was the week end guest of Miss Elizabeth Kraus.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hanson spent Thursday and Friday in Detroit on business.

Mrs. Arthur Corwin is spending a couple of weeks in St. Johns and DeWitt, visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Weir, of West Branch, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Schoonover.

Miss Phyllis Hewitt of Cadillac visited her grandmother Mrs. Thomas Cassidy, during the week end.

We now have Women's Hose in short, medium, or long lengths at Olson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sales returned home Saturday from a week spent in Chicago on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Keltz, of Niles were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Shaw for the past week.

Mrs. Joe McLeod spent last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aldrich and children in Boyne City.

Leonard Knibbs of C.S.T.C., Mt. Pleasant, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Knibbs over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Davis and son Bob of West Branch were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Flower.

Miss Yvonne LaGrow of Detroit is visiting her mother, Mrs. Alex LaGrow and other relatives here for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger Hanson, of Saginaw, were the week end guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Marie Hanson.

Miss Beatrice Peterson of C.S.T.C., Mt. Pleasant, spent the week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Peterson.

Harry Weiss and Miss Vivian Krause and a party of Gaylord friends took in the Queen's Ball here Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Bauer, Jr., of Saginaw, spent the week end at the Schumann home, and enjoying the winter sports.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilcox of Saginaw spent the week end as guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson.

Miss Mary Gretchen Connine, student at U. of M., Ann Arbor, spent the week end visiting her mother, Mrs. Harry Connine.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Brown and some friends of Port Huron, spent a few days visiting Mrs. Brown's father, George A. Collen.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry and daughter Donna returned home Tuesday from Detroit, where they had been visiting since Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson, Jr., of Alma, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds and son Dick were the week end guests of Mrs. Reynolds' mother, Mrs. Wm. McNeven.

Betty and Arthur Goss, of Bay City, visited Sunday at the home of their uncle and aunt, Postmaster and Mrs. James McDonnell.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wheeler were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wheeler, of Holly, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Speck, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. David of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Perrygo, of Saginaw, spent the week end visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Egge Bugby.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Souders and children are spending a few days visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Souders at Chase Bridge in South Branch township.

Charles Hill of Ypsilanti, joined Mrs. Hill here for over the week end to take in the Winter Sports carnival. Mrs. Hill had spent the week the guest of friends here.

Rhoda Jean Miller of West Branch was the guest of Janey Milnes over the Winter Sports Carnival. Dorothy and Barbara Miller were guests of Beatrice Peterson.

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Guy Wheaton of Detroit spent the week end visiting his wife and children here, who are spending the winter with Mrs. Wheaton's mother, Mrs. Herman Doron.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hemmingsen, of Highland Park, arrived Tuesday morning, called here by the serious illness of the former's sister, Miss Margrethe Hemmingsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Corwin spent Monday visiting their daughter, Mrs. D'Alton Griffith and family in Saginaw. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Broadbent accompanied them.

Miss Elaine McDonnell and friend, Miss Anne Metcalf, of C.S.T.C., Mt. Pleasant, were the week end guests of the former's parents, Postmaster and Mrs. James McDonnell.

Guests of Mrs. Frank May over the week end were her daughters, Mrs. Edwin Rasinen, of Detroit, and Mrs. George Daniels and daughter Mary Ann, of Midland, and their husbands.

Bill Moshier and Jack McClain spent the week end visiting Miss Laura Johnson in Milwaukee. Wis. Miss Hane, teacher, accompanied them as far as Chicago where she visited friends.

Miss Evelyn Skingley and friend Miss Dorothy Carlson, of Detroit, came on the Snow Train Sunday and visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Skingley, down the river.

Mrs. Ernest Jorgenson and son Ernest Elden returned to their home in Pontiac, Saturday, after spending a week at the home of Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson. They were accompanied as far as Bay City by Edward Mayotte where they were met by Mr. Jorgenson.

Miss Pauline Entsminger who is attending C.S.T.C., Mt. Pleasant, spent Sunday here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gierke. Miss Pauline entertained as her guests Mr. Pat Osborn and Mr. and Mrs. Raddie Sisk and children Shirley and Sally, who accompanied her. The party enjoyed the thrills of the Winter Sports park.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Laage enjoyed a visit from their daughters, Mrs. M. E. Whitehead, and son Dean, of Comins, and Miss Margaret Laage and friend, Miss Margaret Powell, of Mt. Pleasant. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Marsh, of Mio, and Dr. M. E. Whitehead, who came to spend the day and accompany Mrs. Whitehead home.

Caterpillar's Muscles
A caterpillar may have as many as 4,000 muscles.

JUST FROM PARIS



This costume by Maison Jacques Faith features a wool skirt of dark color and a blouse of variegated color, with collar and trimmings of breitchwants.

Voice of the People

Just WHO is the Citizens Committee of Grayling that is cluttering the mails with expensive literature condemning the proposition of a Municipal Light and Power Plant for Grayling?

Just WHOM do they represent? Do they represent you, Mr. Citizen, or you, Mr. Taxpayer? If so, do YOU know who they are? Are you going to place your faith in a so-called Citizens Committee who are afraid to sign their names to the literature they are putting out? Not if you are as intelligent a citizen and taxpayer as we give you credit for being.

Just supposing you are inclined to believe some of the things they have printed, and supposing you wished to ask further questions on a particular item you read, WHERE would you look for one or all of the members of this so-called Citizens Committee in order to get the information you desire? Since you do not know who they are, you would have a pretty hard time trying to locate even one of them.

Some of the questions brought out by this so-called Citizens Committee are not only simple, but utterly absurd. Any one of you who has attended the various Mass Meetings will realize that this is a fact. However, these various questions are being answered for you elsewhere in this issue, by those who are Authorized to speak for the Citizens and Taxpayers of Grayling, namely—YOUR CITY COUNCIL. They have not gone into this matter blindly—Competent Engineers have been engaged to go into this matter in detail, and have given their report.

After all, is not your City Council the elective representative of the citizens of Grayling—and not the so-called Citizens Committee? You know who your City Councilmen are, and what they are trying to do for us to better the light and power service for our city, which, in the past (and at the present also) has been anything but good.

Be Honest With Yourself—do you really believe that any small group of citizens are going to band themselves together for a so-called Citizens Committee, and spend Their Own Money for all these handbills, envelopes, postage, etc., that has been sent out in the past weeks? Did you or you contribute any of your money to pay for this advertising they are doing? They certainly didn't pay for it themselves, you may be sure.

In view of this there is only one conclusion we can draw regarding this so-called Citizens Committee, and that is that this Committee apparently consists of a very few of our citizens, no doubt some of them stockholders in the Michigan Public Service Company, and who naturally are opposed to the proposition of a Municipal Light and Power Plant for the reason that this would render their stock of less value. Are these few citizens backed up by the Michigan Public Service Company, who are spending Their Money (part of Your Money that you are paying them for your exorbitant electric light bills now) in order to pay for all this advertising on handbills, envelopes, postage, and mailing services, to distribute the literature you are getting, which opposes the idea of a new municipal plant?

Our City Council is putting the facts before you, and is trying to fight a group that is not even playing fair, and are afraid to come out in the open. Stand back of your City Council and Vote YES for improved service. A Citizen.

Admiration Hose in 2, 3, 4, and 7 thread, at Olson's.

CCC enrollees of Camp Ausable are busy with the building of a new telephone line, an important addition to the fire detection system on the Ausable State Forest. The new line, twenty miles in length, will serve as a connecting link between a group of towers near Mio and a group around Grayling thereby insuring quick reports on all fires that kindle. Walter C. DeLang Jr. Forester in charge of the project, estimates that the job will be completed by April 15.

H. S. Basketball

*Feb. 17—Kalkaska
*Feb. 24—Roscommon
* Games at Home

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These deer are feeding on alfalfa hay put out for them in one of the experiments tried as a possible method for relieving overbrowsed conditions which exist in some parts of the state. The expense of doing this on a large scale would be prohibitive.

SCHOOL NEWS

"Big Five League"

Furdue won their first game of the season when they defeated Minnesota 22-10. In other games: Northwestern defeated Michigan 12-9; Illinois whipped Northwestern 26-11, and Minnesota won from Michigan by default, 9-0.

Team	W	L
Illinois	6	0
Minnesota	4	3
Northwestern	3	4
Michigan	2	4
Furdue	1	5

Boys High School League

The Indians drubbed the Dodgers, 21-10. In the other game, the Indians won from the Senators by default, 9-0.

Team	W	L
Indians	5	1
Dodgers	1	3
Senators	1	3

Girls High School League

In the new Girls Basketball League the Hornets defeated the Busters 14-11, in the first game. The teams and players are:

Team	W	L
Hornets	5	1
Busters	1	3
Senators	1	3

Grade Basketball League

Team	W	L
Lions	3	1
Pirates	3	1
Giants	2	2
Packers	0	4

The Tigers defeated the Daisies twice; the first game 31-26, the second game 26-22.

On Monday the ping-pong tournament will start with a large number of contestants in each class.

The seventh and eighth grade girls have demanded a basketball league. A large number will take part in this activity and play will start next week.

Honor Roll, First Semester

12th Grade
Peterson, Kenneth—2A's, 2B's.
Anthony, Clayton—4B's.
Pynninen, Nellie—1A, 3B's.
Tahvonen, Emil—3A's, 1B.

11th Grade
Burrows, Ruth—1A, 3B's.
McNeven, Gloria—3A's, 1B, 1C.
McNamara, Charles—2A's, 2B's.

10th Grade
Failing, Betty—4A's.
Flagg, Margaret—2A's, 3B's.
Heath, Joyce—4B's.
Martin, Jane A.—2A's, 3B's.
Papendick, Rayda—2A's, 2B's.
Peterson, Katherine—3A's, 1B.
Roberts, Patricia—4A's.

9th Grade
Bugby, Joyce—4B's.
Christenson, Betty—2A's, 1B, 1C.
Christenson, Faye—3A's, 1B.
Doroh, June—3A's, 1B.
Kernosky, Ruth—3A's, 1B.
Small, Clarence—3A's, 1B.

8th Grade
Brady, Monica—1A, 3B's.
Clark, Robert—1A, 3B's.
Church, Jack—4B's.
Glover, Kathryn—4B's.
Nelson, Robert—3A's, 1B.

7th Grade
Burns, Gerald—1A, 2B's, 1C.
Charron, Rose M.—2A's, 2B's.
Clippert, Billyann—4B's.
Giegling, Roger—2A's, 2B's.
Macaulay, Shirley—4B's.
Melichar, Maxine—1A, 3B's.
Peterson, Maryella—4B's.
Smith, Mildred—1A, 2B's, 1C.
Welsh, Nelle—4A's.

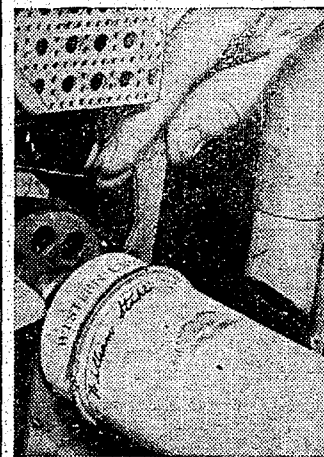
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All you need to send this unique valentine is a heavy application of lip rouge and a telephonic image transmitter. At New York, Mary gets lonesome for her boy friend in Chicago so she presses her lips to a telegraph blank, signs it "with love from Mary" and—



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Puts it on a spool and transmits to Chicago via an "electric eye" scanning device. A few minutes later, the boy friend receives his unusual telegram, presses his lips to it and guess what he gets. A valentine kiss!

GABBY GERTIE



"To a tailor an enclosure is a pressing establishment."

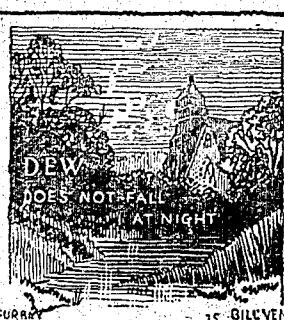
Depends on Society

"I hate to hear a man insist that de world is gettin' wusser when he's talkin' to me," said Uncle Eben, "foh de reason dat a man's impression of de world depends a heap on de kind o' society he gits into."

The DEBUNKER

By John Harvey Furbay, Ph.D.

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Dew forms on grass in the same way that "sweat" does on the sides of a glass of cold water. On clear nights, stones, grass and other objects lose their heat rapidly by radiation to the sky. This makes these objects colder than the air about them; therefore the moisture in the air condenses on them just as the moisture of one's breath condenses on a cold window pane. Some of the moisture may rise from the earth itself, and condense on the blades of grass. In this case, the dew would be rising rather than falling. On cloudy nights, the amount of heat radiation is less, and does not lower the temperature of the objects sufficiently to cause condensation on them.

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MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1939

at 8:00 P. M. (Sharp) Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following township offices, to wit: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Highway Commissioner, 1 Justice of Peace for Full Term (4 yrs.), 1 Member of Board of Review, and 4 Constables, and to transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

These nominations to be made for election to be held Monday, April 3rd, 1939.

Dated February 4th, 1939.
By order of
Dan C. Babbitt,
Township Clerk.

2-9-2

NEW HOME

By ANNE CAMPBELL

They are going to housekeeping at last!
They have lived with his folks for years,
But the difficult problem solved at last,
How joyous the future appears!

They are choosing their furnishings with care,
The lamps and the breakfast dishes;
Each table and rug and walnut chair
Must match all their secret wishes!

It is just like a second honeymoon.
Her eyes are like deep brown wells,
And her heart hums a happy little tune
For the joy the new home foretells!

We are sharing the hopes her plans arouse,
And join in her happy laughter!
May peace fold its wings above her house,
And the same love follow after!
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One Too Many Maryboroughs
Australia has too many Maryboroughs to please two champion ax-men. They were entered for the wood chopping events at the annual agricultural show in Maryborough, Victoria. The men went to Maryborough, Queensland, 1,500 miles away, and when they discovered their mistake it was too late to get to the Victoria town.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in the said county, on the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1939.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Harry Hum, deceased.

It appearing to the court that the time for presentation of claims against said estate should be limited, and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased and before said court.

It is ordered, that creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court at said Probate Office on or before the 5th day of June A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

1-26-4

Military Park North of Line Of the 11 national military parks in the United States, Gettysburg is the only one north of the Mason-Dixon line.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1939.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Ira Leonard, deceased.

Len Isenbauer having filed in said court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is Ordered, That the 8th day of March A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling, in said County, on the 24th day of January, A. D. 1939.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Emil Krage, deceased.

Merle F. Nellist having filed in said court his petition, praying for license to sell the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is ordered, that the 20th day of February A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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Michigan Press Association

By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing—Can Governor Fitzgerald stave off the rising tide of civil service resentment among Republican legislators?

Pledged publicly to support the merit plan, the governor has a ticklish situation on his hands in the threatened revolt of lawmakers. The growing hostility to the law is a result of current investigation, led by Senator Elmer R. Porter of Blissfield, which have convinced many legislators that the statute merely blanketed deserving Democrats in state jobs, left the door wide open to the raising of campaign funds through "voluntary" assessments on salaries, and on top of all this imposed unnecessary expense on an already unbalanced state budget.

House leaders admit privately that the majority of Republican members are just itching to scalp the act.

Two Detroit Democrats, Representatives John Hamilton and Chester Fitzgerald took the opportunity last week to introduce a bill to "correct" the civil service evils and thus rescue it from impending disaster. Thus, in more ways than one, Governor Fitzgerald is on the defensive.

Favoritism Charged
That political favoritism prevailed in administration of the state sales tax was a target for Senator Porter's legislative committee at Detroit.

Robert K. Healy, accounts examiner, testified he had been mysteriously pulled off his audit of a deficiency of \$6,000 to \$8,000 existing in the sales tax account of a Detroit firm, whereas another firm, known to be friendly to Republicans, was sent a notice demanding immediate payment of the deficiency although a "month or so" in time usually elapses for such action.

Urbah V. Hill, clerk in the state unemployment compensation's main office in Detroit, testified that campaign funds were solicited in offices during working hours. Miss Frances Sutton, timekeeper in the sales tax office, told how many workers were kept on payrolls while they were absent because of political campaigning. Miss Dorothy Fralbrink, employee of the unemployment compensation commis-

sion, told how the state's mailing list of some 300,000 applicants and beneficiaries of unemployment compensation was used for the addressing and mailing, on state time by state employees, of campaign cards urging the re-election of Frank Murphy.

These were some of the highlights during the Detroit inquiry which was conducted by the "ins" at the obvious political expense of the "outs."

Brownrigg's Report

Whereas civil service is still suffering birth pains, William Brownrigg, state personnel director, has given ammunition for its defense through its annual report.

A total of 3,142 employees won their jobs during 1938 through open, competitive examinations. Tests were given to 54,569.

Qualifying tests eliminated 1,300 and demoted 570.

Governor Murphy pressed for a \$90 minimum monthly wage, while the commission fixed it at \$75.00.

The civil service study commission was appointed by Fitzgerald during his first term; Murphy forced it through the 1937 legislation.

Spending Trends
Another question on Governor Fitzgerald's doorstep is this one: Can he "deliver" the economy which he promised to the voters during the fall campaign?

One pledge made frequently by the governor was to reduce the state payroll \$8,500,000 in 90 days.

A few administrative heads have lopped off employees on the ground of economy, but the total saving to date is of questionable proportion. Even the governor is said to have his own misgivings whether it will be possible to accomplish half of what he thought he would in twice the time. Yet in all public utterances, as well as those made privately, he has convinced hardened politicians of a sincerity to "deliver the goods."

Again, desire for economy is meeting resistance, and not all of it can be blamed on legislators.

"Let Lansing Do It"

If a community is unable to solve its problems, local officeholders are wont to wring their

hands and implore the legislature to do something about it.

"Let Lansing do it" is a popular cry. It is a neat way to load local responsibilities upon someone else.

Two years ago the legislature yielded to pleadings, put the budget some 18 millions out of balance. This year, requests for state funds are 100 millions out of balance with expected income for the 1938-40 biennium. The huge demands, together with the insistence of home governments for continued state aid (if not more) are plaguing the governor in his economy campaign. It has been suggested that home rule legislation be passed to enable cities to levy taxes on cigarettes and amusements, such as exist in New York City, for raising of welfare funds.

More School Aid

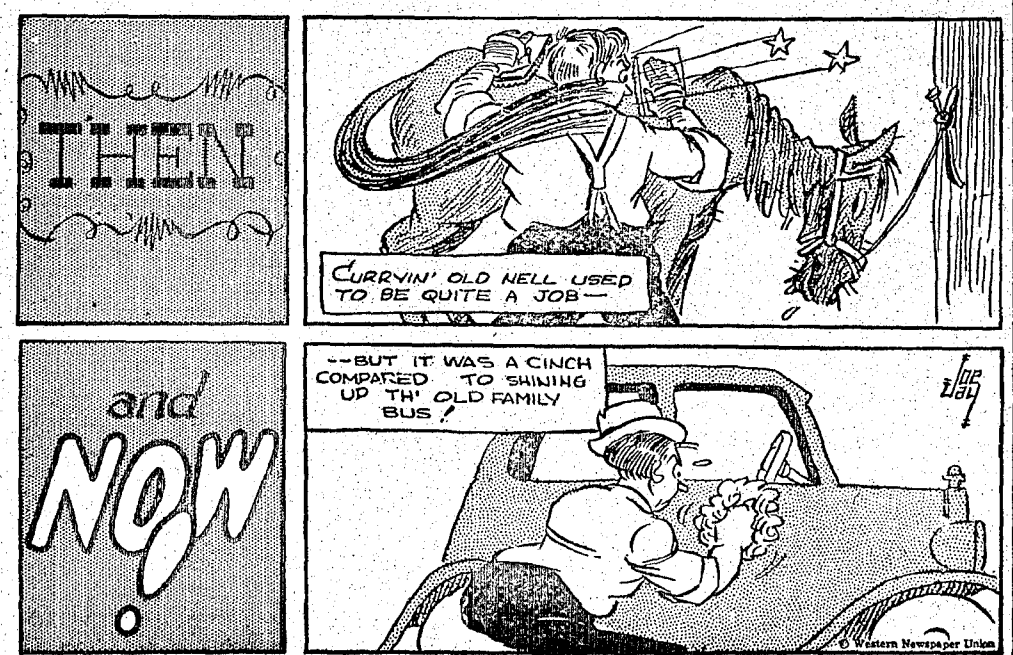
How to reduce millions in state expenditures, while more money is granted to schools in state aid, while old age assistance payments are increased and while other benefits are distributed to needy causes is one of those remarkable feats of juggery which Governor Fitzgerald hopes to do. If business continues to be good during 1939, Michigan will collect more millions of sales tax.

The Murphy deficit will be placed in a red ink entry on the 1939 treasury account, funds being set aside to pay it off just as if it were an ordinary bond issue. Balancing of the budget will be attempted on that basis.

WEARY REFUGEE



Originally she came from a family in Vienna, but now she is just "Refugee No. 247." A tragic picture made at Harwich, England, as 400 Jewish refugee children arrived there from Vienna.



and NOW

Don't Forget The Profit!

Facts That Every Voter Should Know.

WHO IS THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF GRAYLING? Why do a few self-appointed men feel that they are so well informed that they are more capable of serving the people of Grayling than your own city council who are elected by the citizens? Why is the Citizens Committee so afraid to publish their names? Who elected them and why?

Anyone who speaks the truth is never afraid to publish his name, but anyone who spreads propaganda without any facts to back up his statements, never signs his name.

Your city council is not trying to sell you anything. If, after hearing the facts about the proposed light and power plant as your council has found them to be, you are convinced that the proper thing to do is vote yes, then come out and vote yes; but, if you think the other way, it is also your privilege to vote as you see fit.

Your city council has not hired or requested a speaker for any of the mass meetings that have been held.

The engineers, when this plant is voted in, are to receive five per cent of the completed cost of the plant; which amounts to approximately \$7,500 and not \$14,000.

Original Petition.

September 29, 1938

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Grayling:

(This petition was filed with the Common Council October 17, 1938, signed by over 100 taxpayers and electric users of Grayling, and is on file at the City Office and open for public inspection.)

We, the undersigned taxpayers and/or electric customers in the City of Grayling petition you to carry out your plans for the purchase and installation of a Municipal Lighting and Power System.

as this self-styled, self-appointed "Citizens Committee" seem to think. Contingencies refer to unforeseen expenditures such as additional power lines or street lights that might be installed but are not contemplated in the original installation.

It is rather foolish for the "Citizens Committee" to say, "Is it not true that all bonds must be paid regardless of what kind?" Most certainly they must be paid. If your council did not see the way clear to pay these bonds, we would never have entered into this project wholeheartedly. Once again, we state all bonds and interest falling due on this plant will be paid from the revenues of the light and power plant and not from any direct or special property tax.

In the last nine years, according to their own figures, Michigan Public Service Company has had a gross revenue in the City of Grayling of \$282,784.52. A staggering sum of money. If this revenue had come to the city we could have had our own plant and had it

nearly paid for as well as operating and maintaining it, all in a period of nine years. Now don't you think your council understands what they are talking about when they tell you this plant can be built and paid for easily in twenty years? Most certainly it can be done, and done at lower rates, besides netting a nice profit to your city. And that profit to the City will mean lower taxes for you.

It is true that the Michigan Public Service Company has a franchise in Grayling that does not expire until 1955, but that franchise is nothing more than a guarantee to the Michigan Public Service Company that no other private utility will ever be allowed in Grayling until after 1955. This is the reason why Consumers Power Company is not interested in coming into Grayling. But there is nothing in this franchise that would prevent the City from building and operating their own plant. Neither is there anything in this franchise that says the City must split the business with the Michigan Public Service Company.

In a special election March 30, 1925, a franchise was granted to the Grayling Electric Company, its successors, or assigns, by vote of 195 to 30, by the people of the Village of Grayling.

The tax rate was never raised for sewer service, but the sewer service charge was raised approximately thirty per cent for the simple reason that after the first year's operation it was found that the cost of electric power to run this plant was far in excess of what it should have been. Lower power rates and better service would bring this cost down to the original estimate.

Another set of poles and wires in Grayling would not increase radio interference, because the proposed distribution system is the last word in electrical distribution. It has all the aids known to engineers today to choke off line noises. A modern up-to-the-minute distribution system can no more be compared with the present distribution system than can a car of twenty years ago be called the equal of a car today.

It is true that the plant is estimated to cost \$154,000 but about thirty-five to forty per cent of this cost will be labor cost and most of that will go to local labor. Whatever materials that can be bought locally for this plant will be bought through local dealers. So just how does this Citizens Committee figure all of this \$154,000 is going out of town? Right now we let all the revenue go out of town with the exception of a couple of employees. Let's keep the revenues in town where it will do our community some good.

To date the engineers on this project have not received any compensation for their work.

A special election was called for February 20 because we felt that the voters of Grayling should have only one issue on their minds when they come to the polls. An issue as important as this deserves special consideration. Also, if the election carries, the five weeks gained on the construction of the plant through the summer months means money saved in construction costs.

The City of Grayling is not bonded for \$52,500 at present as the Citizens Committee would like to have you believe. There are outstanding at present \$32,000 in general obligation bonds on the Water Plant, and \$22,500 mortgage revenue bonds on the Sewage Disposal Plant. A mortgage revenue bond is not and never will be an obligation on the City of Grayling. It is an obligation on the revenue of the plant only.

Who ever heard of an internal combustion engine exploding? We never did and we don't think any of the citizens of Grayling ever did. The engineers have set up sufficient money in the operating cost to take care of any unexpected damage to the plant. Further, the manufacturer of the generating units absolutely guarantees the maintenance cost on their equipment.

It is highly improbable that the bonds on our city owned light and power plant would ever default. Why? Because after studying the past experiences of other Michigan Communities we have found that not one city owned light and power plant in Michigan built in late years has ever defaulted its bonds or sold out. Why? Because after fighting so hard to get their own plant they became proud of their plant and its excellent performance and it has been proved time and time again that where these cities have acquired their own plant the people immediately received lower rates and better service.

If the Citizens Committee is so interested in a financial statement for the City of Grayling, why don't they come to the City office and get one? An audit of the city books is made at the end of each fiscal year by a public accountant engaged for that purpose. His report is given to the city council and made a part of the council proceedings and is open to the public any time they wish to see it. Further, a copy of this audit is filed with the Grayling Bank and also with the bond-

Let Us Work For A Better Grayling.

DON'T LET SENTIMENT USURP THE PLACE OF JUDGMENT

holders of all outstanding bonds. Further, the city office is a public office and its records are public property and always open to them. But the records of a bank or a stock or bond corporation are private records. Therefore, the State law requires them to publish a financial statement. It would be well if the critics of the city administration would read our city charter that was so unanimously adopted by our citizens.

The property of the five individual members of your council represents an assessed valuation of \$34,025. Do you think your city council is going to deliberately engage in a project that would raise their own taxes? No. We are trying to show you a way to lower your taxes and at the same time get electric service at lower rates.

Included in this letter is a copy of Plate 7, taken from the engineer's report. Plate 7 seems to have created considerable interest to the Citizens Committee. Please note they didn't publish the entire plate. Examine this plate carefully and note the last column of figures. This column shows the accrued profits this plant would earn over a period of twenty years.

Loyalty in every community is reflected in the progress and advancement of the interests and services authorized or demanded by its inhabitants through the agency of its Council.

Respectfully yours,
YOUR CITY COUNCIL.

Memories of Grayling

More Memories

(By Frank R. Deckrow)

The first depot here was built where the present one now stands but was later moved and rebuilt, and is now the present freight house.

The first railroad agent here was Hiram Lampert, and he handled express and telegraph.

Maude Robinson was the first white child born in the county; Maud is older than Nettie.

The first lumberman to locate here was James C. Goodell, who brought a small portable steam sawmill which was located near where the new pump house now stands; and cut the first lumber in town.

The first houses built in town were log houses. One was built by Mr. Nicols near where Moshier's garage now stands, and Mr. Babbitt (Reuben) one on Railroad street, who afterwards built the first frame house in town. It was located where the old garage and paint shop stands in back of Shoppenagons Annex.

Mr. Daniel London (grandfather of Laura London Parker) built the second frame house in town and it still is in use, remodeled. It is located next to the Grayling Laundry and was the residence of John Olson for years.

The first lumbermen living in Grayling and operating outside of town were Henry Mantz and William Mantz. Rasmus Hanson came here from Manistee in 1876 and with E. N. Salling and Nels Michelson formed the Salling & Hanson Lumber Company in 1878. The Mantzes sub-contracted from Salling Hanson Co., logging on the Manistee river and a large tract of land owned by Engelman & Lewis of Manistee. Henry Mantz (nick named Chief) built a part of the house which now is the Bauman home. William Mantz built a log house which now is the home of Mabel Brazie, and it is still a log house, refinished.

The first store was built by Rasmus Hanson and after the frame was all up a windstorm blew it flat to the ground. This was rebuilt and used as a store below and the upstairs was used by the Hanson family for a home. Before this they lived in lumber camps.

The very first hotel in town stood on the west side of the railroad track, south of the river, and was run by Mike Hartwick. Then he and a man by the name of Putt Ramsel built a saloon where the Fischer hotel now stands, and later Mike Hartwick built a hotel where Shoppenagons Inn now stands and it was called the Grayling House. The location was a swamp hole and had to be filled in.

J. C. Burton bought the saloon from Ramsel and Hartwick and later built onto the hotel an addition and it was called the Burton House.

The Commercial House was built by Joe Charron where Burke's Garage now stands, and had a saloon in the basement.

A Mr. Meagher built and operated a boarding house and residence where the Annex now stands and later it burned down. Then they ran a small hotel near where the Avalanche office now is and later it was run by Irving Metcalf.

The first building built back of Kraus' dry goods store, where the light office now stands, was built by a Mr. Tryon in 1877 and was later moved to the place where Parsons & Wakeley's filling station is and later became part of what was known as the Russel Hotel.

Instead of the Hanson Cafe being built by John Benson it was built by Peter Buck and was later purchased by John Benson.

Emil Kraus' building, (dry goods store) was built by a man named J. Morris Finn, and used as a grocery store and he lived upstairs. It was built onto later.

The first building where the Ben Franklin Store now stands was a one-story building used as a millinery store and was run by a Mrs. Mitchell whose husband was a blacksmith in camps. Later this was used by Albert Kraus as a tinshop and once was used by F. R. Deckrow for a plumbing shop.

Dawson drug store was built by a man named Edgecom and was a general store.

Sorenson furniture store building was built by Dr. Traver and used as a furniture and also he doctored a little, undertaking too. This afterwards was sold to Forbes & Braden.

The first postoffice was a little building which now is used for a barber shop next to the light office, and John Hadley was postmaster.

The second postoffice was in a building where Connine's grocery store now stands, owned by a Mr.

Masters, who was postmaster. Larenger and Fournier ran a drug store on one side. It later burned down.

The next post office was where Burrows Meat Market now stands and Mr. Bates was postmaster. The next was across the street. The first building where the A. & P. store now stands was a square frame building with a square roof built by Joseph Jones for a home. After the Hartwick Hotel burned down this building was remodelled and built onto by a Mr. Harder and used as a hotel. Later the east end was extended out flush with the street and used as a saloon by Mr. Furkee. Later this was bought by Peter Buck, who extended the west side out even with the street. Lucian Fournier ran a drug store on one side and R. Hanson had a hardware on the other side, and Dr. Insley had his office upstairs.

Alexander's law office was built by David London and used as a residence. Mr. London was a timber cruiser for R. Hanson. The first livery stable was run by David London and located where Corwin Auto Sales now is. Among the first to operate it were Game Warden Purchase and Chris Hanson, the latter selling it to Peter Jorgensen, who operated it for many years.

David London was the first sheriff of Crawford county. The first picture show was run by Andy Hart in a tent between where the Plaza Grill is now and the old bank building. He showed one reel for 5c. Later Victor Salling ran one in the Temple Theatre, and then James Overton. The latter sold out to George Olson.

(By Mrs. William McNeven) Since Miss Margrethe Hemmingsen recently gave a paper telling much of the history of Grayling, which we printed, others have been putting on their "thinking caps" and so we have some more statistics that made early history. Mrs. William McNeven handed us the following information:

The first board of supervisors met at a temporary county seat at Pere Cheney April 22, 1879 at 2:00 p. m. The first annual session was held October 22, 1879. Crawford county had been set aside from Kalkaska county in 1878.

Jacob Steckert was the first supervisor of Grayling township and William R. Steckert the first county clerk. The old "red" bridge that crossed on State street, where here is now a fine new cement one, was named for the Steckert family.

The salaries of the various county officers was as follow in 1879: Probate judge \$100 per year; sheriff \$400 per year; clerk \$600 per year; treasurer \$650 per year; prosecuting attorney \$125 per year and superintendent of poor \$50 per year.

The first court house was built in 1879 on a site donated by the Jackson, Lansing Railroad Company. The building was set afire by Mrs. Connelly, a prisoner and burned to the ground, on a cold winter's night.

The freight house is the oldest business building in Grayling; it was built by the Jackson, Lansing Railroad Company in 1872, and was located where the depot now stands. The oldest residence is the upright part of the old John Olson home, now owned by Mrs. James Perry.

The first mill in Grayling was owned by Jim Goodale. Of the churches the M. E. church was established Dec. 20, 1879; the Baptist society Feb. 21, 1880 and the M. P. church April 12, 1881.

The first white settlers were Mike Hartwick, Charles Robinson and Reuben Babbitt, the latter coming here in 1873 from Jackson. Maude Robinson, daughter of Charles Robinson was the first white child born.

The village was first named Crawford and then changed to Grayling in 1875.

The Crawford Avalanche was founded in May, 1878 by Masters & Brown and was transferred to Salling Hanson Company January, 1880. Later Oscar Palmer took it over.

WHERE TO ENLIST IN NAVY For the benefit of the general public and the advantage of young men considering enlistment in the Naval service, the Navy Department maintains a Recruiting Station at Detroit, Michigan, and sub-stations at the following cities:

Flint, Michigan.
Saginaw, Michigan.
Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Benton Harbor, Michigan.
Lansing, Michigan.
Jackson, Michigan.
Toledo, Ohio.

Requests for information on enlistment and general Naval information will receive courteous attention at any of these offices.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL REVENUE, CHARGES, EXPENSES AND NET PROFIT OF THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC PLANT

Year	Gross Revenue	Operation and Maint.	Net Revenue	Bonds Outstanding	Interest 4%	Bonds Retired	Total Fixed Charges	Net Profit	Accrued Profit
1940	\$34,850.00	\$15,600.00	\$19,250.00	\$154,000.00	\$6,160.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,160.00	\$13,090.00	\$ 13,090.00
1941	36,000.00	16,000.00	20,000.00	154,000.00	6,160.00	0.00	6,160.00	13,840.00	26,930.00
1942	39,000.00	16,600.00	22,400.00	154,000.00	6,160.00	6,000.00	12,160.00	10,240.00	37,170.00
1943	42,000.00	17,000.00	25,000.00	148,000.00	5,920.00	6,000.00	11,920.00	13,080.00	50,250.00
1944	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	142,000.00	5,680.00	6,000.00	11,680.00	15,720.00	65,970.00
1945	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	136,000.00	5,440.00	7,000.00	12,440.00	14,960.00	80,930.00
1946	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	129,000.00	5,160.00	7,000.00	12,160.00	15,240.00	96,170.00
1947	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	122,000.00	4,880.00	7,000.00	11,880.00	15,520.00	111,690.00
1948	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	115,000.00	4,600.00	8,000.00	12,600.00	14,800.00	126,490.00
1949	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	107,000.00	4,280.00	8,000.00	12,280.00	15,120.00	141,610.00
1950	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	99,000.00	3,960.00	8,000.00	11,960.00	15,440.00	157,050.00
1951	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	91,000.00	3,640.00	8,000.00	11,640.00	15,760.00	172,810.00
1952	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	83,000.00	3,320.00	9,000.00	12,320.00	15,080.00	187,890.00
1953	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	74,000.00	2,960.00	9,000.00	11,960.00	15,440.00	203,330.00
1954	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	65,000.00	2,600.00	9,000.00	11,600.00	15,800.00	219,130.00
1955	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	56,000.00	2,240.00	10,000.00	12,240.00	15,160.00	234,290.00
1956	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	46,000.00	1,840.00	10,000.00	11,840.00	15,560.00	249,850.00
1957	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	36,000.00	1,440.00	12,000.00	13,440.00	13,960.00	263,810.00
1958	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	24,000.00	960.00	12,000.00	12,960.00	14,440.00	278,250.00
1959	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	12,000.00	480.00	12,000.00	12,480.00	14,920.00	293,170.00

A FEW MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC PLANTS IN MICHIGAN

(This information compiled by the Michigan Municipal Utilities Association of the State of Michigan)

Statement of Operations, Year Ending March 31, 1938

City	Gross Revenue	Operating Expense	Depreciation	Net Profit	Dividends to Customers	Free Street Lights	Free Current to the City
Coldwater	\$127,370.00	\$ 79,564.33	\$28,706.26	\$ 21,099.41	\$ 11,743.14	\$12,879.50	\$ 305.50
Dowagiac	18,106.76	11,547.21	2,425.53	4,134.02			
Grand Haven	210,663.55	112,933.24	55,210.48	42,519.85		12,000.00	
Hillsdale	105,169.29	80,789.04	14,168.85	10,211.40		7,972.93	3,618.29
Holland	363,221.87	143,632.69	61,525.71	158,063.47	45,000.00		
Kalamazoo	149,665.95	93,723.30	24,030.92	31,911.33			
L'Anse	64,815.03	20,033.37		44,781.66	2,512.41		
Marquette	269,086.28	129,259.12		139,827.16	151,711.22		
Marshall	79,311.53	48,016.11		31,295.42		4,530.43	1,053.19
Niles	187,787.38	90,598.86	34,595.44	62,593.08			15,239.84
South Haven	142,315.11	72,572.20	31,608.03	38,134.88			
Traverse City	134,387.40	72,862.70	20,078.01	41,446.69			13,129.70
Wyandotte	491,662.64	247,867.47	41,647.23	202,347.94	33,117.44	58,439.40	
Zeeland	30,976.42	13,691.10	6,250.42	4,829.49			

This report for year ending 1938

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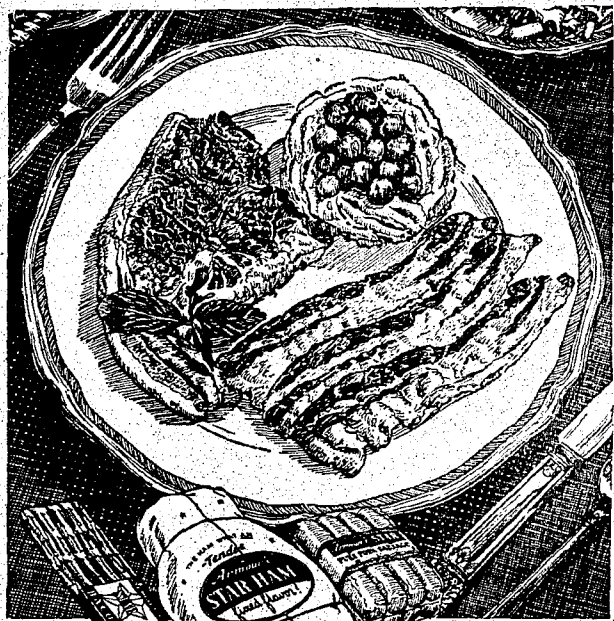
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ARMOUR'S MEALS OF THE MONTH!

These Armour menus bring you all of meat's vital values for brimming energy, sparkling vigor. Enjoy their healthful goodness now!

• Get a thrill out of living! Stock up on the glowing vitality that makes every day doubly exciting. Make Meat the Mainstay of your daily diet!

It's easy . . . when you serve meat the Armour Meal of the Month way! For these savory dishes supply your family with all of meat's vital values . . . all of meat's natural, health-giving elements.

You'll want to serve them regularly, and you'll want to sample the dinner shown here, right now. It combines the crisp, sweet flavor of Armour's Star Bacon with tender, mouth-watering Armour's Star Broiled Lamb Chops. Easy to fix . . . rich in taste-tempting goodness . . . it brings the health and vitality in fine Star Meats right to your table!



HEALTH EXPERTS PROVE
That in meat you get an abundance of ALL 4 of these vital elements:

1. PROTEIN . . . the builder of strong, vigorous bodies, alive with action.
2. CALORIES . . . the fuel for energy to go places and do things.
3. PHOSPHORUS . . . the foundation of strong bones and teeth for healthful living.
4. IRON . . . the guardian of rich, pure blood that means sparkling vitality.

Your family gets all 4 when meat's their mainstay.



Active children . . . grown-ups, too . . . need meat's vital elements for energetic living.

ARMOUR'S DINNER OF THE MONTH

Ask for Armour's Star Bacon when you plan this meal. Every last slice is melon, crisp, chock-full of glorious flavor. It tastes so good . . . it's so good for you!

Equally important, make sure you get Armour's Star Lamb Chops. The Armour's Star Brand is your assurance of tender, savory eating enjoyment . . . your assurance of the meat's wholesome purity.

Say "Armour's Star, please" . . . then follow this menu for a new feast!

MENU

Armour's Tomato Juice
Broiled Armour's Star Bacon and Lamb Chops
Whipped Potatoes—Green Peas
Endive Salad with French Dressing
Pumpkin Tarts—Coffee

BREAKFAST OF THE MONTH

Any breakfast is a banquet when full-flavored slices of Armour's Star Ham are its main dish! It's "The Ham What Am" . . . Tender . . . and it brings you a wealth of rich, smooth, inviting flavor. One taste—and you'll know why it's America's choice!

LUNCHEON OF THE MONTH

If you've never tried a luncheon of Armour's Star Pure Pork Sausage, you've a taste-thrill in store! Ready in a jiffy . . . crammed to bursting with perfectly seasoned, pure pork tastiness! Serve Armour's Star Pure Pork Sausage soon. It's pure mealtime pleasure.

Complete cooking directions for these meals in Armour's Meal Guide, free at your dealer's.

ASK FOR ARMOUR'S STAR MEATS

AMERICA'S QUALITY BRAND

A STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF GRAYLING

Many of our customers have asked us what we intend to do about the election for a municipal plant which will be held Monday, February 20th.

Naturally, the question is one in which we and our employees, who are Grayling citizens, are vitally interested. We believe that two electric systems in Grayling are not necessary, and that such a situation would bring about a condition in which neither the Company nor the system managed by the public officials would be able to give you as good service, or as low rates, as you now have, and that the proposal, if carried, would bring about a heavy financial burden on the electric customers and taxpayers of the community.

However, we wish to make it plain that we do not intend in any way to interfere in the affairs of the citizens of Grayling, and we will not attempt to defeat anything that is genuinely the wish of the citizens of Grayling, provided that wish is expressed in accordance with existing laws of the state and nation, which laws are designed to protect the public.

We believe, however, from the questions asked us by our customers, that we are expected to present our views on the matter, so that the citizens of Grayling can make their own decisions in the light of all the facts that relate to the issue. For that reason, we are giving below some information which may be helpful in making your decision.

WE HAVE REDUCED RATES

We bought the local electric plant in Grayling in 1925, largely at the request of local citizens, who were dissatisfied with the rates and service. Since we have served Grayling we have cut the rates about in half. The rates were almost twice as high then as they are now. It has been our policy to reduce rates just as fast as business permitted. Our last rate reductions were in 1935 and in 1936. We intend to continue our policy.

WE HAVE IMPROVED SERVICE

To give more dependable service, we connected Grayling to our transmission system. Because of some interruptions, we later built a 33,000 volt line, at a cost of about \$50,000, to provide a second feed to the Grayling supply line. In recent months we have again cleared our transmission right-of-way to further guarantee freedom from interruptions. We know that each small interruption is annoying, and we will not be content until they are all eliminated, but you will be interested in knowing the following figures: A year contains 8,760 hours. During the whole year of 1938 we were out of service a total of 4 hours and 56 minutes, or less than 1-10th of 1% of the time. We will still keep on making it better.

WE TAKE ALL THE RISKS

So long as we serve Grayling with electricity, we assume all the risks of damage from wind, sleet, snow, and storms. We assume the risk of accidentally having someone killed. It is our money that is in danger. If the city builds a plant, these risks become risks that must be carried by the electric customers and taxpayers, and they are real risks. Only this week we received notice of a Diesel engine explosion in the municipal electric plant at Sikeston, Missouri, with damages amounting to \$13,000. Fortunately no one was killed. The engine was wrecked, and must be torn down and rebuilt.

YES, WE SEND SOME MONEY OUT OF TOWN

In every case where an engineer tries to sell a city a municipal electric plant, the engineer makes a great selling point of the fact that the light company sends some money out of town. The engineer tries to convince people that the municipal plant would keep all the money at home. It appeals to everybody, because we would all like to keep our money at home, but unfortunately it is impossible.

Every business man has to send money out of town. The groceryman sends money out of town to buy the groceries you buy from him. The filling station man sends money out of town to buy the gasoline he sells you. The clothing store owner sends money out of town to buy the clothes he sells you. The municipal plant will send money out of town, too.

The municipal plant will send out of town all the money to pay the engineers, and a lot of money to pay the lawyers. It will send out of town all the money to buy the engines, to buy the fuel oil, to buy the poles, wires, meters, and transformers. Every year for 20 years the municipal plant will send out of town the money to pay the interest and principal on the bonds. The municipal plant will send more money out of town than we do, because in addition to our local payroll, we also pay city, county, and school taxes which the municipal plant will not pay.

TAXES ARE NO LOWER IN TOWNS WITH MUNICIPAL PLANTS

The people who sell material for municipal electric plants always try to get votes by promising that the plant will make big profits, and these profits will be used to reduce taxes. For some reason, the profits are not there, or they mysteriously disappear, because the tax rates are not usually any lower. Here are a few Michigan towns with municipal plants, compared to Grayling:

Town	Date Plant Installed	1937 Tax Rate
Bay City	1886	\$36.87 per 1000 assessed
Charlevoix	1896	32.35
Dowagiac	1935	42.76
Escanaba	1895	34.81
Harbor Springs	1898	33.30
Holland	1894	34.07
Petoskey	1896	30.42
South Haven	1892	40.81
Traverse City	1913	41.67
Wakefield	1913	36.77
Zeeland	1937	32.08
Grayling—Without municipal plant		31.75

YOU ARE ASKED TO VOTE A 20 YEAR FRANCHISE TO UNKNOWN PEOPLE

Revenue bonds are supposed to be paid out of earnings of the municipal plant, but the buyers of the bonds are so uncertain about the claimed "profits" that they insist upon a 20 year franchise being voted, along with the bonds, so that if hard luck or mismanagement puts the plant in the hole, the bond holders can take over the plant and run it for 20 years afterwards. Since the bond holders are unknown, this is asking you to vote a blank 20 year franchise, to people nobody knows.

RATES OF MUNICIPAL PLANTS ARE NOT PUBLICLY REGULATED

The rates of all privately operated electric companies in Michigan are regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission. Any customer of ours can complain at any time about rates, or service, and the state will see that his complaint is given attention. If the rates are too high, the commission will order them reduced. This is not possible if you get service from a municipal plant. There is no public regulation of municipal plant rates, the rates can be set as high as the city council, or the bond holders, want to set them, and the customers have no appeal.

DIESEL ENGINE PLANTS ARE OFTEN NOISY AND DANGEROUS

The explosion of the engine in the Sikeston, Missouri, municipal plant was referred to above. The story is on file in our office, if you want to see it. Also on file in our office are some newspaper accounts of a lawsuit in Kansas, to compel a Diesel engine plant to shut down at night so people could sleep. Other clippings also are on hand for your inspection.

A MUNICIPAL PLANT CANNOT HELP BEING A "POLITICAL" PLANT

No matter how hard they try, the people who run municipal plants are subject to "political" influence and domination. The plant is city property, run by city employees, and it is impossible to keep your electric service from becoming a political football.

The above are only a few points on our side of the question. We give them to you only as a matter of information. We want you to vote the way you think is for your own best interest, and for the best interests of Grayling. Naturally, we hope that you will vote against building another electric plant, but we hope to remain your friends, regardless of the outcome.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
DON SWEENEY, Mgr.

Grange Notes

Are you an active member, the kind that's liked so well
Or are you just contented with a badge on your lapel.

Saturday, Feb. 4, the evening meeting of the Grange was well attended. Six candidates were given the first two degrees. The stage was beautifully decorated to represent Faith and Hope, and was the work of the Worthing Lecture. After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed by everybody, as well as the bounteous self-serve supper. Mrs. Freda Lenartz is the lucky owner of the centerpiece donated by Grandma Feldhauser.

The new Number contest is getting warmer all the time, as well as interesting.

Last Thursday night a large crowd was present at the hall for the Valentine party. The night was stormy but everyone had a good time. Pinochle, pedro, bunco, and Chinese Checkers were enjoyed by everybody. The Circus also was enjoyed and called for more than one laugh when the people saw the groundhog, porcupine and all the other animals. The sweet singer, little Gloria Cunningham, sang two songs that were enjoyed very much. A neat sum was added to the building fund.

The Grangers are very thankful to our editor for helping us to get the Grange to the people and space in the Avalanche.

The members of Crawford Grange No. 934 wish to go on record as being in favor of the governor's suppression of gambling and the advocacy of home rule.

\$1.00 for blocks, Mrs. Annis in memory of her father and mother, Homer and Pauline Benedict.



MARKET

Founders Week Specials

Armours Star Picnics	lb.	15c
Armours Star Bacon Squares	2 lbs.	25c
Armours Star Cooked Picnics	lb.	23c
Armours Star Canadian Bacon	By the Piece, lb.	41c
Armours Star Layer Bacon	Sliced, lb.	29c
Luncheon Meat	Sliced 2 lbs.	29c
New England Ham	Sliced lb.	23c
Roll Butter	lb.	29c

GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 19, 1939
English Service—11:00 a. m.
Confirmation class meets Saturday, 9:00 a. m. at the parsonage.
The Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. Joe McLeod Thursday, February 23.
Rev. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

How Memory Fades
Memory of a thing fades as much the first day as it does the following two weeks.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday, February 19, 1939
At 10:00 a. m.—Bible School.
At 10:30 a. m.—Public Worship.
We urge our people to remember the important things in life. Church going keeps the church going.
H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

Width of Chile
Chile is 260 miles wide at its widest extent.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the county of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said county, on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1939.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of R. Clifford Durant, deceased.

W. Clarence Smith having filed in said court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is ordered, that the 11th day of March, A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.
Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

2-16-4

For Bronchitis Coughs, Colds

Buckley's Mixture (Triple acting) Quickly Loosens Things Up

It's different—it's faster in action—it's compounded on superior medical fact findings new in this country. By far the largest-selling medicine for coughs and colds and Bronchitis in all of cold Canada. Right away that tightness begins to loosen up—the bronchial passages clear—you're happy and breathing easier. Satisfaction Guaranteed by druggists everywhere or your money back.

Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1939

Special Election Edition

O. P. SCHUMANN, Publisher

Editorial

(Petoskey Evening News, February 2, 1939)

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, the taxpayers of the city of Petoskey will vote on a proposition to purchase the Hankey power site on Bear River for \$22,000.

It is an important proposition—something which merits the serious consideration of every man and woman who pays taxes in the city because it affects the revenues derived from the municipal light and power system—THE CITY'S CHIEF SOURCE OF REVENUE.

City Manager P. T. Mitchell is not taking an active part in the election but he consented to provide the Evening News with his estimates and figures as to the possibilities the city might realize through ownership of the Hankey power site.

In brief the proposition boils down to this: If the city purchases the Hankey site for \$22,000 and expends \$90,000 on developing it, the revenues derived therefrom will pay off the initial investment in 20 years and also contribute \$10,000 a year to the profits of the municipal lighting system—all this without increasing taxes or light rates.

The above statement came from information provided by Mr. Mitchell under whose direction the lighting system has contributed more than \$900,000 to the development of Petoskey in the last 14 years.

In the past 14 years the total money raised by general city taxes was \$711,115. In the same period the light plant earned \$904,265, according to the reports of auditors. In other words, the light plant contributes more to the city than tax payments and should, therefore, be given commensurate consideration.

Mr. Mitchell told the Evening News that with the equipment outlined above the city could generate power and cover the cost of the investment at 1.1 cents per kilowatt hour. At present the city is paying 1.875 cents per kilowatt hour for this power.

The demand on the city council for funds to finance this and that activity grow greater each year. It is now necessary for the electric light system to contribute about \$20,000 to maintain the essential public service—police, fire, street, park and other departments.

In emphasizing the value of the city's light plant it is interesting to note some of the contributions the light plant has made to improvements in the city during the past 14 years. They include sewage disposal plant, \$78,000; Mitchell Dam, \$63,000; the new distribution building, \$68,000; tennis courts, \$5,000; lake frontage, \$12,000; property for Magnus State Park, \$4,000; tennis court and softball diamond lighting, \$2,000; payments on old bonds, \$157,000; McManus power plant, \$75,000; rebuilding Cement Plant power line, \$5,000; Winter Sports Park and maintenance, \$25,000; purchase dock and maintenance, \$10,000; and improvements in city's electrical distribution system, \$125,000.

Certainly, if the city's light plant can contribute that much to permanent improvements in Petoskey in a period of 14 years, there should be no hesitation in approving a purchase which will lead the way to increasing the plant's revenues \$10,000 a year while paying for itself.

These Grayling Citizens Will VOTE YES—☒

This letter filed with the City Clerk February 16, 1939.

We the undersigned taxpayers and citizens of Grayling are going to Vote Yes on all three propositions on the ballot for a Municipal Light and Power Plant and Distribution System:

Middie LaMotte
Albert Bentley
O. P. Schumann
Herbert Walthers
Waldemar Hansen
Menno Corwin
Robert A. Funck
Charles E. Moore
Mrs. George A. Granger
Mrs. Joseph McLeod
Fred Lamm
Carl Larson
C. G. Clippert, M.D.
Charles Melichar
Dr. J. F. Cook
Emil Giegling
Norman E. Butler
Stanley A. Stealy, M.D.
C. R. Keyport, M.D.
Harley F. Russell
Fred R. Welsh
Mrs. Stanley A. Stealy
Mrs. Fred Lamm
Mrs. Carl Hanson
Mrs. Wm. Christenson
Mrs. Marie Hansen
Carl M. Hanson
A. S. Burrows
Marius K. Hanson
Norine F. Hanson
Herbert Stephan
Mrs. Sadie Bobenmoyer
Verna E. Barber
Mrs. Harry J. Connine
Mrs. C. G. Clippert
Mrs. Emil Giegling
Mrs. Nora Keyport
Mrs. Chas. Waldron
Mr. Chas. Waldron
Mrs. Celia Granger
Mrs. Mary Biggs
John L. Martin
Mrs. Mabel Martin
Mrs. Bernice Smith
Clair E. Smith
Mrs. T. Reynolds
Luther Herrick
Mary Herrick
Milow Case
Walter LaMotte
T. P. Peterson

C. H. Clauson
Roy O. Milnes
J. A. Bielski
Otto Nielson
Jas. Brown
Harold Edwards
Geo. Barber
Wm. Wilson
Jas. Sherman
Walter Korhonen
Albert L. Roberts
Otto Cox
Frank Rood
Archie Brown
Dimous Amburgey
Emery Craft
Alonzo Heath
C. D. Straehly
Ingeborg Hanson
A. J. Joseph
Fern Armstrong
Annette Moore
Wilfred Laurant
Mrs. Roy Milnes
Kenneth Hoesli
Clarence Burns
Oscar J. Goss
P. W. Christenson
Jas. McNeven
Minnie M. Hartley
Viola Reynolds
Don Reynolds
Johanna Gorman
Maurice E. Gorman
John Harrison
John Schofield
Albert Charron
George Stanley
Sam Rasmussen
Holger F. Peterson
Frank Bennett
Walter N. Cowell
C. J. McNamara
J. E. Schoonover
Ernest Borchers
Geo. Burke
Carl J. Jensen
Roy O. Milnes
Frank Sales
George A. Granger
Florence Mae Jensen
Neil McDaneil
Mrs. Seth Chappel
Mr. DeVere Wolcott
Mrs. DeVere Wolcott
Mr. Roy Wolcott
Mrs. Roy Wolcott
Mrs. J. W. Randolph
J. W. Randolph
Mrs. Albert Charron
—And many more.

Election Monday, February 20th

Voice of the People

Just WHO is the Citizens Committee of Grayling that is cluttering the mails with expensive literature condemning the proposition of a Municipal Light and Power Plant for Grayling?

Just WHOM do they represent? Do they represent you, Mr. Citizen, or you, Mr. Taxpayer? If so, do YOU know who they are? Are you going to place your faith in a so-called Citizens Committee who are afraid to sign their names to the literature they are putting out? Not if you are as intelligent a citizen and taxpayer as we give you credit for being.

Just supposing you are inclined to believe some of the things they have printed, and supposing you wished to ask further questions on a particular item you read, WHERE would you look for one or all of the members of this so-called Citizens Committee in order to get the information you desire? Since you do not know who they are, you would have a pretty hard time trying to locate even one of them.

Some of the questions brought out by this so-called Citizens Committee are not only simple, but utterly absurd. Any one of you who has attended the various Mass Meetings will realize that this is a fact. However, these various questions are being answered for you elsewhere in this issue, by those who are Authorized to speak for the Citizens and Taxpayers of Grayling, namely—YOUR CITY COUNCIL. They have not gone into this matter blindly—Competent Engineers have been engaged to go into this matter in detail, and have given their report.

After all, is not your City Council the elective representative of the citizens of Grayling—and not the so-called Citizens Committee? You know who your City Councilmen are, and What they are trying to do for us to better the light and power service for our city, which, in the past (and at the present also) has been anything but good.

Be Honest With Yourself—do you really believe that any small group of citizens are going to band themselves together for a so-called Citizens Committee, and spend Their Own Money for all these handbills, envelopes, postage, etc., that has been sent out in the past weeks? Did You or You or You contribute any of your money to pay for this advertising they are doing? They certainly didn't pay for it themselves, you may be sure.

In view of this there is only one conclusion we can draw regarding this so-called Citizens Committee, and that is that this Committee apparently consists of a very few of our citizens, no doubt some of them stockholders in the Michigan Public Service Company, and who Naturally are opposed to the proposition of a Municipal Light and Power Plant for the reason that this would render their stock of less value. Are these few citizens backed up by the Michigan Public Service Company, who are spending Their Money (part of Your Money that you are paying them for your exorbitant electric light bills now) in order to pay for all this advertising on handbills, envelopes, postage, and mailing services, to distribute the literature you are getting, which opposes the idea of a new municipal plant?

Our City Council is putting the facts before you, and is trying to fight a group that is not even playing fair, and are afraid to come out in the open. Stand back of your City Council and Vote YES for improved service.
A Citizen.

Special Election Notes

A public utility that is not progressive is a hindrance to the community in which it operates.

The people of Grayling have been tolerant long enough with its poor electric service.

George Shaw, editor of the Pigeon Progress says that its a hick town where the electric lights go out every time it thunders. How about it when, in addition, they go out every time the wind blows?

There are a lot of complaints about Grayling's poor electric service. If they want this condition remedied they should get out and talk in favor of a new municipal plant, the question for which will come before the voters next Monday. Unless they do this they shouldn't squawk should the question be defeated.

Don't let sentiment interfere with good judgment. Our duty must be done. For the good of the future of Grayling vote "Yes" on all three questions on the special election ballot next Monday.

The Michigan Public Service Co., a subsidiary of the former notorious Insul Company, doesn't care anything about Grayling, in our opinion, except for the business they get from us.

If Grayling gets a municipal electric plant you may be sure it will get at least 80% of the Grayling patronage. If it doesn't it will be an exception to the general record.

The Grayling school building was paid for by the tax payers of this school district. It has been paid for a long time in spite of the fact that the school had no earning power, further than to educate our children. It brot in no revenues. A municipal electric plant has considerable earning power and will not only pay for itself but will give its patrons lower rates and good service.

By good service we mean that the voltage will be steady and constant; that there will be no interruptions and no fluctuations in your lights. The juice will be hot enough so that your electric cooking utensils won't have to take all day to get hot. Your lights will be bright and steady. Your radio won't refuse to function because of low voltage. Your electric motors and light bulbs won't burn out because of irregular voltage. Your electric clock will run without stopping, etc.

Mayor George Burke, and supervisors Frank Sales, Carl Jensen, Al Roberts and Roy Milnes and city manager Geo. Granger are tax payers. They have heard every phase of the proposed municipal electric plant question and each and everyone is 100% in favor of it. Don't you trust these men? We are sure the tax payers and the general public do. These men are working for the good of Grayling—their homes, and the place where they make their livings. What will be good for them will be good for everyone owning property in Grayling and for all who make this their home. Don't let anyone fool you with misleading statements, and insinuations.

Yes, the Michigan Public Service Co. will continue business in Grayling after our municipal plant begins operations. You may continue your service with them if you want to, or connect with the local plant lines at not one extra cent to you.

If you are a stockholder in the Michigan Public Service Co. it will continue to be just as good as ever except for the big profit it makes in Grayling. But why be selfish and not want Grayling residents to share in this prosperity. Do you think more of your monetary profits than you do

of your home city? Of course the M. P. S. Co. claims their profits are not as large as we believe they are, so in that case you wouldn't be out much.

The Michigan Public Service Co. is trying to lock their doors after the horse is stolen. They should have listened to complaints instead of ignoring them. They now don't deserve consideration.

The officers of the local electric company are all fine fellows; we hold the friendliest feeling toward them. They are responsible for the higher ups in their Company and must fight for its interest, even tho it may be possible these higher ups never heard of them or even heard of Grayling.

We told the city councilmen that we would be in favor of the municipal electric plant just as long as we believed they were conducting an honest campaign. And it is obvious that our faith has been maintained.

That is more than can be said for the M. P. S. Co. Their circulars bear many misleading statements, intended to fool the voters. But we don't believe they are going to do it this time.

Let's vote for the good of Grayling. This is our home; let's pull for it.

Michigan Municipal Owned Utilities.

Here is a list of municipal-owned electric utilities in Michigan:

Allegan	Kalamazoo
Bay City	Lansing
Bellaire	L'Anse
Blissfield	Lowell
Bellevue	Manton
Charlevoix	Marquette
Chelsea	Marshall
Clinton	Negaunee
Coldwater	Newberry
Crosswell	Niles
Crystal Falls	Norway
Daggett	PawPaw
Detour	Petoskey
Detroit	Portland
Dowagiac	Sebawaing
Eaton Rapids	South Haven
Escanaba	Stephenson
Gladstone	Sturgis
Grand Haven	St. Louis
Ferrysburg	Three Rivers
Grand Rapids	Traverse City
Harbor Springs	Union City
Harrison	Wakefield
Hart	White Cloud
Hillsdale	Wyandotte
Holland	Zeeland

This list compiled by Michigan Municipal League of Michigan.

Electric light and power rates for the above cities are on file with the City Clerk at the City Office in Grayling.

Grayling Is
Our Home;

Let's Make
It Better
By Having
Better
Electric
Service.

Editorial.

(Reprint from the Crawford Avalanche of February 2, 1939)

IS GRAYLING going ahead or is it going to stand still? Grayling has always been a dynamic industrial city up to the time we had our lumber mills. Since that time we have had several small industries and have gone to the front as a resort city, and today is the best known small city in Michigan. We believe that the same spirit that has carried us to our present high standards is going to continue to prevail for years to come. Of course the pathway to progress hasn't always been easy and at times was strewn with bitter opposition. Do you recall the opposition there was to paving Michigan avenue? Now that we have this fine thoroughfare we are proud of it. Nobody would want to go back to the sawdust streets we had a quarter century ago, nor the gravel surface that was full of chuck holes after every rain, and dust whirled in the air and every store counter with its merchandise was heavy with dust. Do you recall the blinking lighting Grayling's downtown district had? Compare that with our present fine system of boulevard lights. Remember the big fight that had to be made in order to put the plan over? Then there was the new waterworks system. That was some fight! Dr. Clippert was the mayor at that time, and gave the matter most of his time. Then our water was taken from the AuSable river and was filthy with dirt, sawdust and bark from logs. The pressure was so low that it was far from sufficient for fire fighting and we saw a house burn to the ground when the pressure was so low that the firemen were unable to reach the eaves of a one-story structure. Compare that with our present fine system of waterworks, with hydrant equipment for reaching every house in the city; with water that our state health department rates high in purity. And then there is our modern fire fighting apparatus. Do any of us want to go back to the old hosecart days? A new system of storm sewers carry our surface water into the river, while our sanitary sewers no longer dump their filth into the river, but instead it passes thru a new modern sewage disposal plant. Grayling is soon to have a new, automatic dial system of telephones. And there is our modern school. In this march of progress do the people of Grayling intend to let our public utilities drag along behind like a cow's tail. The people of Grayling are doing their parts, and we have the right to expect our utilities to do theirs. The M. P. S. has miserably fallen down in Grayling and we can only construe their neglect to remedy justifiable complaints as indifference and approaching insolence. Both Vice President Kapp and local Manager Sweeney have admitted to this writer that they have been at fault in not heeding these complaints. Had they done so, the Company would not now be fighting for their existence here. We believe their indifference during the past years deserve the condemnation that now appears prevalent among the people.

Blue Eyes at Birth a Myth

The popular theory that all newborn children have blue eyes has been disproved. Careful examinations under modern illumination revealed almost 200 different hues in their eyes.

A Few of Grayling's Attractive Misses.



Left to right, front row: Norberta Weiss, Pauline Merrill, Hazel Wilkins. Top row:—Gloria Ann LaMotte, Queen Frances Entsminger, Roberta Austin.

Do You Know —

- 1—That a mortgage revenue bond is not an obligation of the City, but a mortgage on the revenue of the plant.
- 2—A general obligation bond is a direct obligation of the City, but it DOES NOT mean that it will be spread on the tax roll. In the case of the light and power plant this type of bond will be retired the same as mortgage revenue bonds.
- 3—That the Michigan Public Service Company pays approximately 1% per cent of its revenue back to the City in the form of taxes instead of the ten per cent it claims.
- 4—That the people of Grayling in the last thirteen years have paid almost enough for electric service to have owned their own plant today.
- 5—That the City of Grayling purchased the boulevard light system in October, 1934 for \$3,000. Prior to this purchase the City paid \$115 per month for these lights. Since the purchase we have paid \$28 per month for these lights. A saving each month for fifty months of \$87, or a total saving of \$1,350 over and above the purchase price of the system.
- 6—Why can't the same thing be done with the entire system?
- 7—That the town of Clinton, Michigan, operates its city on the profits derived from the light and power plant and that no taxes at all are raised by taxation.
- 8—That the Water Works plant has paid off \$5,300 in bonds in the last three years and not one cent of it was raised from general taxation or special assessments.

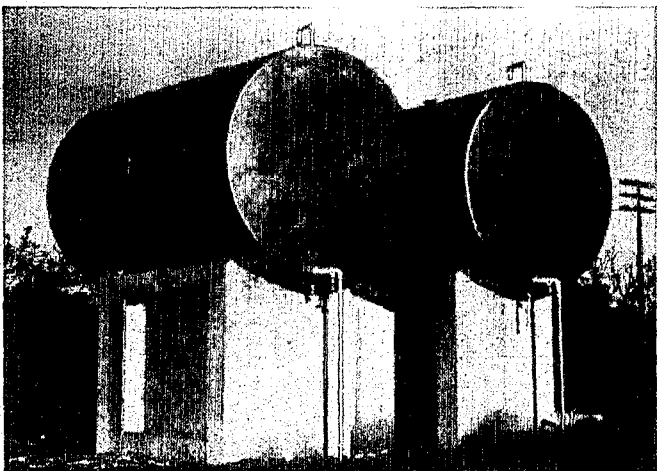
Original Petition.

September 29, 1938.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Grayling:

(This petition was filed with the Common Council October 17, 1938, signed by over 100 taxpayers and electric users of Grayling, and is on file at the City Office and open for public inspection).

We, the undersigned taxpayers and/or electric customers in the City of Grayling petition you to carry out your plans for the purchase and installation of a Municipal Lighting and Power System.



These two elevated fuel oil tanks store the life blood of the generating units. Each tank will hold approximately 10,000 gallons of fuel oil for a total capacity of 20,000 gallons.

Voice of the People

The City Owned Electric Light And Power Plant

We admire persons who seek accurate information before they pass judgment on a question. This may be found in the report of the consulting engineers on file in the city office. Having closely followed this issue, I will try to set up a few observations.

From a piece of literature distributed by the Michigan Public Service Company listing the revenue collected from electric energy in the City of Grayling exclusive of sales tax for the nine years, 1930-1938, inclusive, the total is \$282,784.52. In this literature they have taken the figure of the city consulting engineers that a plant could operate with the proposed investment for \$27,000 a year (for the year 1930-1938 it would have been considerably less). For a nine-year period the operating cost would be \$243,000. Thus, if the City had built a plant in 1930 and operated for the nine years mentioned with the revenue the Michigan Public Service Co. has enjoyed, the net difference would be \$39,784.52. This would represent a profit to the City.

When any one tries to tell you that the use of electricity will not increase, they are building a picture to fit their own situation. If you will check back on your bill of ten years ago and then count the appliances in your own house that you did not have then, check over the number of houses that have been wired in the last few years, the houses yet to be wired, and the enlargement of over-loaded wiring in some of the houses, you will realize the increasing use of electricity.

How much more you could use if rates were reduced. Reduction in rates increases uses and thus builds the revenue so that an equivalent bill in dollars represents more service to us.

Dependability unquestionably will be attained in this system with the most modern of electrical equipment that would maintain electrical energy at your service switch ready to serve you.

Remember that a five per cent voltage drop will create a sixteen per cent light loss so when you sit down to read it is possible to detect a sudden voltage change.

Most refrigerators contain a new type of motor known as a capacitor motor. This is a very economical type of motor, but is very sensitive to voltage variations. True, all motors now installed are required to have thermal protection, but this is not expected to operate frequently and is not sensitive to lesser variation that create a definite stress on these motors.

Engineers Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May have staked their reputation on the statement that the City of Grayling can operate a light and power system at a profit. I have heard nothing but praise for this firm of engineers and if you will note the Michigan Public Service has not made any statement as to their ability.

Many statements have been made to create a fear of frequent interruptions to a city owned system. In this plant will be every protection known to science to provide safety to the equipment and operators.

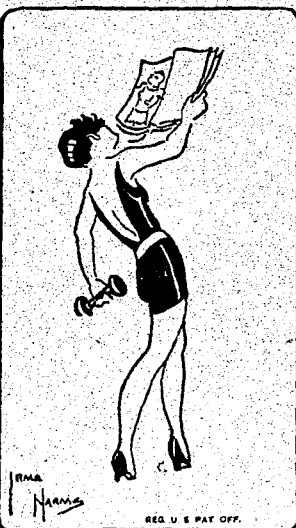
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Letters without identification are not worth reading, so here is my name:

Robert A. Funck.

GABBY GERTIE



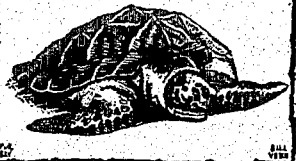
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HEADS ATHLETICS



Lieut. Col. Louis E. Hibbs, who has been named graduate manager of athletics at the United States Military academy at West Point.

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Tortoise-shell is obtained from the scales of certain sea-turtles, especially "Caretta imbricata." It was once supposed that this animal was a tortoise, but it is a turtle. The scales of the Hawksbill turtle are also sold for "tortoise"-shell. The scales of these turtles are thin at their edges, and overlap one another like the shingles of a roof. The scales of tortoises are not arranged in this way.

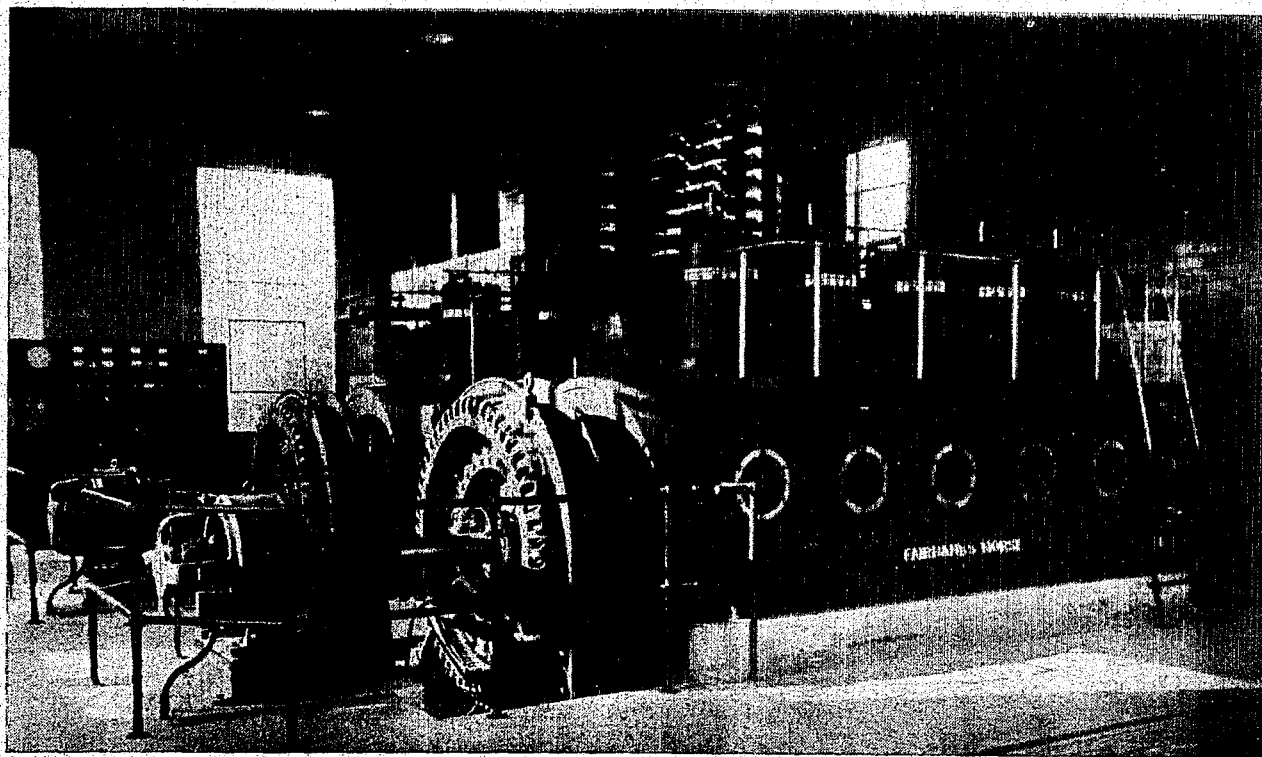
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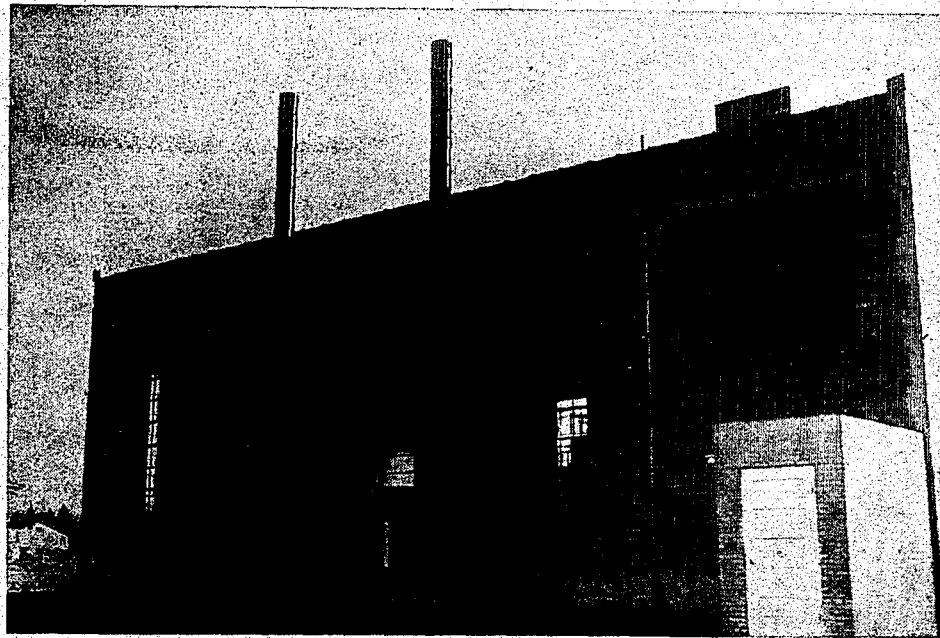
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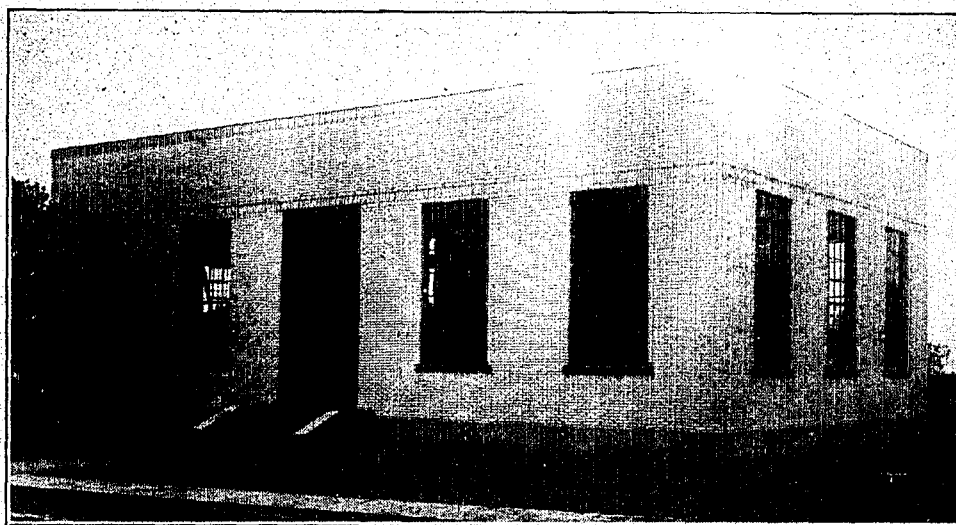
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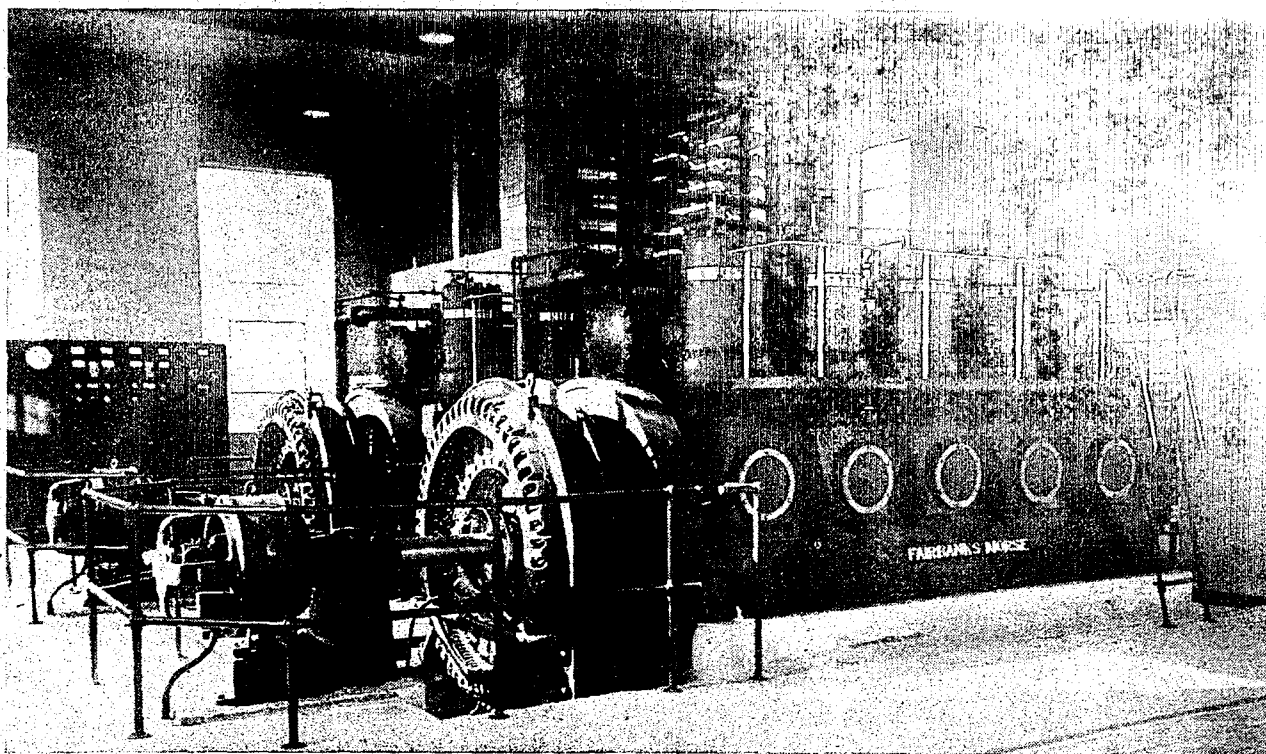
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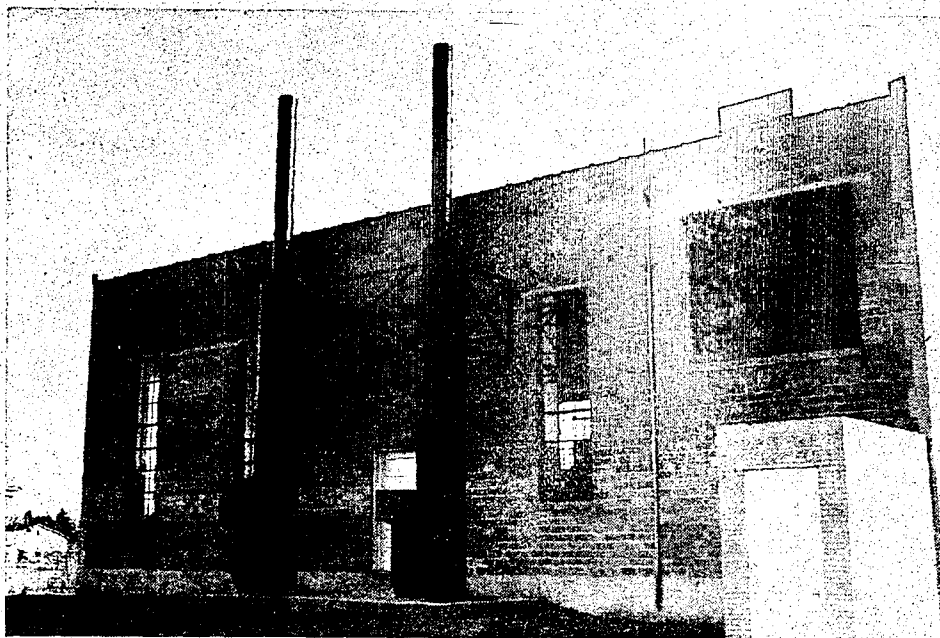
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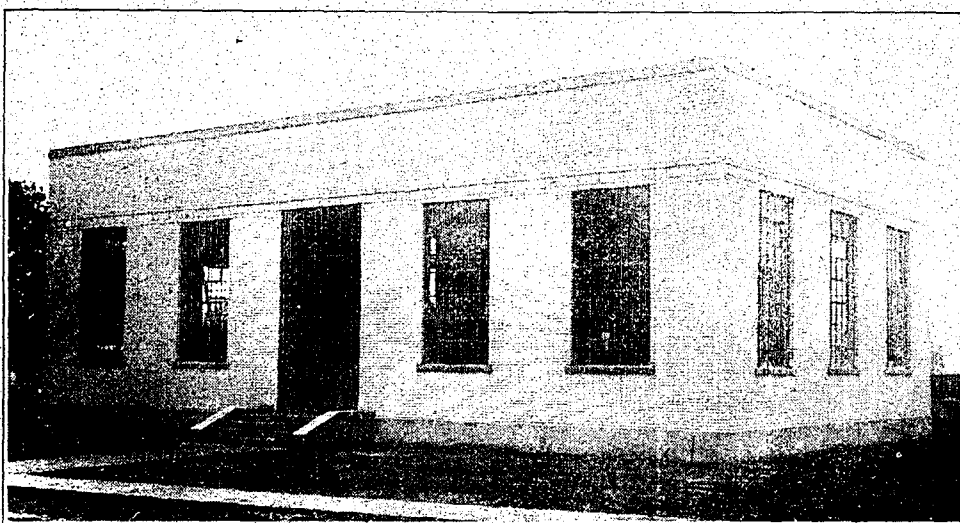
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Don't Forget The Profit!

Facts That Every Voter Should Know.

WHO IS THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF GRAYLING? Why do a few self-appointed men feel that they are so well informed that they are more capable of serving the people of Grayling than your own city council who are elected by the citizens? Why is the Citizens Committee so afraid to publish their names? Who elected them and why?

Anyone who speaks the truth is never afraid to publish his name, but anyone who spreads propaganda without any facts to back up his statements, never signs his name.

Your city council is not trying to sell you anything. If, after hearing the facts about the proposed light and power plant as your council has found them to be, you are convinced that the proper thing to do is vote yes, then come out and vote yes; but, if you think the other way, it is also your privilege to vote as you see fit.

Your city council has not hired or requested a speaker for any of the mass meetings that have been held.

The engineers, when this plant is voted in, are to receive five per cent of the completed cost of the plant; which amounts to approximately \$7,500 and not \$14,000 as this self-styled, self-appointed "Citizens Committee" seem to think. Contingencies refer to unforeseen expenditures such as additional power lines or street lights that might be installed but are not contemplated in the original installation.

It is rather foolish for the "Citizens Committee" to say, "Is it not true that all bonds must be paid regardless of what kind?" Most certainly they must be paid. If your council did not see the way clear to pay these bonds, we would never have entered into this project whole heartedly. Once again we state all bonds and interest falling due on this plant will be paid from the revenues of the light and power plant and not from any direct or special property tax.

In the last nine years, according to their own figures, Michigan Public Service Company has had a gross revenue in the City of Grayling of \$282,784.52. A staggering sum of money. If this revenue had come to the city we could have had our own plant and had it nearly paid for as well as operating and maintaining it, all in a period of nine years. Now don't you think your council understands what they are talking about when they tell you this plant can be built and paid for easily in twenty years? Most certainly it can be done, and done at lower rates, besides netting a nice profit to your city. And that profit to the City will mean lower taxes for you.

It is true that the Michigan Public Service Com-

pany has a franchise in Grayling that does not expire until 1955, but that franchise is nothing more than a guarantee to the Michigan Public Service Company that no other private utility will ever be allowed in Grayling until after 1955. This is the reason why Consumers Power Company is not interested in coming into Grayling. But there is nothing in this franchise that would prevent the City from building and operating their own plant. Neither is there anything in this franchise that says the City must split the business with the Michigan Public Service Company.

In a special election March 30, 1925, a franchise was granted to the Grayling Electric Company, its successors, or assigns, by vote of 195 to 30, by the people of the Village of Grayling.

The tax rate was never raised for sewer service, but the sewer service charge was raised approximately thirty per cent for the simple reason that after the first year's operation it was found that the cost of electric power to run this plant was far in excess of what it should have been. Lower power rates and better service would bring this cost down to the original estimate.

Another set of poles and wires in Grayling would not increase radio interference, because the proposed distribution system is the last word in electrical distribution. It has all the aids known to engineers today to choke off line noises. A modern up-to-the-minute distribution system can no more be compared with the present distribution system than can a car of twenty years ago be called the equal of a car today.

It is true that the plant is estimated to cost \$154,000 but about thirty-five to forty per cent of this cost will be labor cost and most of that will go to local labor. Whatever materials that can be bought locally for this plant will be bought through local dealers. So just how does this Citizens Committee figure all of this \$154,000 is going out of town? Right now we let all the revenue go out of town with the exception of a couple of employees. Let's keep the revenues in town where it will do our community some good.

To date the engineers on this project have not received any compensation for their work.

A special election was called for February 20 because we felt that the voters of Grayling should have only one issue on their minds when they come to the polls. An issue as important as this deserves special consideration. Also, if the election carries, the five weeks gained on the construction of the plant through the summer months means money saved in construction costs.

The City of Grayling is not bonded for \$52,500 at present as the Citizens Committee would like to have you believe. There are outstanding at present \$32,000 in general obligation bonds on the Water Plant, and \$22,500 mortgage revenue bonds on the Sewage Disposal Plant. A mortgage revenue bond is not and never

will be an obligation on the City of Grayling. It is an obligation on the revenue of the plant only.

Who ever heard of an internal combustion engine exploding? We never did and we don't think any of the citizens of Grayling ever did. The engineers have set up sufficient money in the operating cost to take care of any unexpected damage to the plant. Further, the manufacturer of the generating units absolutely guarantees the maintenance cost on their equipment.

It is highly improbable that the bonds on our city owned light and power plant would ever default. Why? Because after studying the past experiences of other Michigan Communities we have found that not one city owned light and power plant in Michigan built in late years has ever defaulted its bonds or sold out. Why? Because after fighting so hard to get their own plant they became proud of their plant and its excellent performance and it has been proved time and time again that where these cities have acquired their own plant the people immediately received lower rates and better service.

If the Citizens Committee is so interested in a financial statement for the City of Grayling, why don't they come to the City office and get one? An audit of the city books is made at the end of each fiscal year by a public accountant engaged for that purpose. His report is given to the city council and made a part of the council proceedings and is open to the public any time they wish to see it. Further, a copy of this audit is filed with the Grayling Bank and also with the bondholders of all outstanding bonds. Further, the city office is a public office and its records are public property and always open to them. But the records of a bank or a stock or bond corporation are private records. Therefore, the State law requires them to publish a financial statement. It would be well if the critics of the city administration would read our city charter that was so unanimously adopted by our citizens.

The property of the five individual members of your council represents an assessed valuation of \$34,025. Do you think your city council is going to deliberately engage in a project that would raise their own taxes? No. We are trying to show you a way to lower your taxes and at the same time get electric service at lower rates.

Included in this letter is a copy of Plate 7, taken from the engineer's report. Plate 7 seems to have created considerable interest to the Citizens Committee. Please note they didn't publish the entire plate. Examine this plate carefully and note the last column of figures. This column shows the accrued profits this plant would earn over a period of twenty years.

Loyalty in every community is reflected in the progress and advancement of the interests and services authorized or demanded by its inhabitants through the agency of its Council.

Respectfully yours,
YOUR CITY COUNCIL.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL REVENUE, CHARGES, EXPENSES AND NET PROFIT OF THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC PLANT

Year	Gross Revenue	Operation and Maint.	Net Revenue	Bonds Outstanding	Interest 4%	Bonds Retired	Total Fixed Charges	Net Profit	Accrued Profit
1940	\$34,850.00	\$15,600.00	\$19,250.00	\$154,000.00	\$6,160.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,160.00	\$13,090.00	\$ 13,090.00
1941	36,000.00	16,000.00	20,000.00	154,000.00	6,160.00	0.00	6,160.00	13,840.00	26,930.00
1942	39,000.00	16,600.00	22,400.00	154,000.00	6,160.00	6,000.00	12,160.00	10,240.00	37,170.00
1943	42,000.00	17,000.00	25,000.00	148,000.00	5,920.00	6,000.00	11,920.00	13,080.00	50,250.00
1944	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	142,000.00	5,680.00	6,000.00	11,680.00	15,720.00	65,970.00
1945	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	136,000.00	5,440.00	7,000.00	12,440.00	14,960.00	80,930.00
1946	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	129,000.00	5,160.00	7,000.00	12,160.00	15,240.00	96,170.00
1947	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	122,000.00	4,880.00	7,000.00	11,880.00	15,520.00	111,690.00
1948	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	115,000.00	4,600.00	8,000.00	12,600.00	14,800.00	126,490.00
1949	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	107,000.00	4,280.00	8,000.00	12,280.00	15,120.00	141,610.00
1950	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	99,000.00	3,960.00	8,000.00	11,960.00	15,440.00	157,050.00
1951	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	91,000.00	3,640.00	8,000.00	11,640.00	15,760.00	172,810.00
1952	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	83,000.00	3,320.00	9,000.00	12,320.00	15,080.00	187,890.00
1953	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	74,000.00	2,960.00	9,000.00	11,960.00	15,440.00	203,330.00
1954	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	65,000.00	2,600.00	9,000.00	11,600.00	15,800.00	219,130.00
1955	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	56,000.00	2,240.00	10,000.00	12,240.00	15,160.00	234,290.00
1956	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	46,000.00	1,840.00	10,000.00	11,840.00	15,560.00	249,850.00
1957	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	36,000.00	1,440.00	12,000.00	13,440.00	13,960.00	263,810.00
1958	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	24,000.00	960.00	12,000.00	12,960.00	14,440.00	278,250.00
1959	45,000.00	17,600.00	27,400.00	12,000.00	480.00	12,000.00	12,480.00	14,920.00	293,170.00

A FEW MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC PLANTS IN MICHIGAN

(This information compiled by the Michigan Municipal Utilities Association of the State of Michigan)
Statement of Operations, Year Ending March 31, 1938

City	Gross Revenue	Operating Expense	Depreciation	Net Profit	Dividends to Customers	Free Street Lights	Free Current to the City
Coldwater	\$127,370.00	\$ 79,564.33	\$26,706.26	\$ 21,099.41	\$ 11,743.14	\$12,879.50	\$ 305.50
Dowagiac	18,106.76	11,547.21	2,425.53	4,134.02			
Grand Haven	210,663.55	112,933.24	55,210.46	42,519.85		12,000.00	
Hillsdale	105,169.29	80,789.04	14,168.85	10,211.40		7,972.93	3,618.29
Holland	363,221.87	143,632.69	61,525.71	158,063.47	45,000.00		
Kalamazoo	149,665.95	93,723.70	24,030.92	31,911.33			
L'Anse	64,815.03	20,033.37		44,781.66	2,512.41		
Marquette	269,086.28	129,259.12		139,827.16	151,711.22		
Marshall	79,311.53	48,016.11		31,295.42		4,530.43	1,053.19
Niles	187,787.38	90,598.86	34,595.44	62,593.08			15,239.84
South Haven	142,315.11	72,572.20	31,608.03	38,134.88			
Traverse City	134,387.40	72,862.70	20,078.01	41,446.69			13,129.70
Wyandotte	491,662.64	247,667.47	41,647.23	202,347.94	33,117.44	58,439.40	
Zeeland	30,676.42	13,691.10	6,250.42	4,829.49			

This report for year ending 1938.